

Russians offer peace talks breakthrough

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

A breakthrough was achieved at the Stockholm security conference yesterday when the Soviet Union agreed to inspection by the West of its military activities and said it was prepared to reduce its forces and armaments in Europe.

It is the first time the Soviet Union has agreed to obligatory military inspection. But the questions remaining to be answered at Stockholm are how many inspections are needed and just what constitutes a military manoeuvre?

The Soviet move at the opening of the 12th and final session of the conference was clearly intended as a follow-through to the announcement by Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, of a continued unilateral Soviet nuclear test ban on Monday.

Then he said the Socialist bloc was also ready "to pursue a large scale programme of reducing the armed forces and armaments in Europe under effective control".

He said Mr Gorbachev was working to reverse the trend of Superpower confrontation back to détente and attacked President Reagan for his dis-

block to the signing of a final document on September 19. It would be a mistake to believe that the solution of the verification issue automatically paved the way to an agreement, Mr Grinevsky said. "The ball is now in Nato's court."

WASHINGTON: The US welcomed the Soviet Union's agreement to on site inspection of military activities (Moshin Ali writes).

A State Department spokesman said the US and its allies had maintained from the beginning that effective verification, including on site inspection, must be an integral part of any Stockholm agreement.

He said that to reach agreement by the September 19 conclusion date of the conference, "we encourage the Soviets to intensify drafting on the details and modalities of inspection" of military exercises and related matters.

But he warned that it was these "practical modalities such as inspection quotas and guidelines which will give effect to the Soviet agreement in principle on inspection". The US in many arms control negotiations for years has insisted on adequate inspection and verification procedures to ensure that no side is cheating.

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Mr Oleg Grinevsky at the peace conference yesterday, missal of Mr Gorbachev's test ban initiative.

He hinted that Mr Gorbachev had been opposed by his generals in prolonging the test ban until January 1, 1987. "We have all justification to resume nuclear testing," he said. The fear had been expressed that the new ban "might damage the security of the Soviet Union".

The news that the Warsaw Pact has agreed to inspection removed the main stumbling



Mr Keating, the Australian Treasurer, right, has a last-minute talk with Mr Hawke, the Prime Minister, before delivering the country's "most austere budget since the Depression".

Spending slashed in Australia's toughest Budget

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

In Australia's most austere budget since the Depression, the Labor Government yesterday outlined its strategy to restructure an economy which Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, says is in a crisis as serious as war.

A budget session of Parliament heard Mr Paul Keating, the Treasurer, outline measures intended to slash the deficit next year to \$Aus3.5 billion (about £1.4 billion) from \$Aus5.72 billion in the last financial year.

In a package designed to convince the outside world that the Hawke Government can take unpopular decisions, and to persuade the nation that they have to be accepted, Mr Keating outlined spending cuts across the board



The Treasurer's fourth budget also disclosed that the Government will seek the trade unions' agreement to accept a 2 per cent reduction in a probable increase of 4 per cent in the next national wage case.

This may come as a disappointment to the business sector which had been hoping for a wage freeze. Scheduled tax cuts and benefit increases will be deferred by between six weeks and three months.

The international finance community's judgment on the package will be reflected in what happens in coming weeks to the Australian dollar, which has depreciated against sterling and the US dollar by almost 20 per cent since the beginning of the year. Further significant devaluation could imperil the Government's survival.

Shaped by reduced prices for Australia's primary ex-

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British firms line up with Boeing

By Rodney Cowton Defence Correspondent

The battle by bidders to replace the Royal Air Force's Nimrod airborne early warning project intensified yesterday with three British companies aligning themselves with a Boeing bid to supply its AWACS aircraft.

Plessey, Ferranti and Racal said in London that they had signed agreements to co-operate with Boeing.

Six companies are bidding to replace the GEC project. The three main contenders are Boeing, Grumman and Lockheed, all from the United States. Three British companies, offering limited systems, are regarded as outsiders.

Mr Jerry King, vice president and general manager of Boeing Aerospace, said if AWACS was selected at least 8,000 man-years of work would come to Britain within the next five years.

The Ferranti agreement covers the provision of software support throughout the life of the programme, but Mr King said the other agreements did not provide any guarantee for a specific level of involvement.

All the foreign contenders for the RAF contract are required to provide work in the UK to offset work that would be lost by the contract being placed abroad.

Although the three companies are allying themselves with the various American contenders, they would all hope to gain work whichever bidder won.

Writ served on Tory editor for Stockton story

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

The full weight of the Conservative establishment descended yesterday on the Tory student editor of a party magazine who published accusations that Lord Stockton was guilty of "war crimes".

Lawyers acting for Mr Norman Tebbit, the party chairman, obtained a High Court injunction restraining Mr Harry Phibbs and the magazine's printers from further distribution of *New Agenda*.

They also served writs on Mr Phibbs, aged 20, a member of the national executive of the Federation of Conservative Students, which is based at Central Office, and Annagh Graphical Company, of Ilford, Essex, alleging libel, misrepresentation and breach of contract.

An unrepentant Mr Phibbs countered by saying that 2,000 copies of the magazine had been rushed out to forestall possible legal action.

Mr John Bercow, chairman of the federation, dissociated the organization from Mr Phibbs, insisting that he had acted alone in breaching party rules by publishing the allegations, without first clearing the article with the organization's leaders and Central Office legal advisers.

The article in question is an interview by Mr Phibbs with Count Nikolai Tolstoy, in which the former Mr Harold Macmillan is accused of being a "war criminal" for his part in sending back 40,000 Cossacks to Russia in 1945 to face certain death.

The allegations are not new.

but their publication in a magazine carrying the Conservative imprimatur enraged Mr Tebbit and senior party figures.

Mr Tebbit interrupted his holiday in France to condemn them as "disgraceful", to order the destruction of all remaining copies of the magazine and to issue an unqualified apology to Lord Stockton, aged 91.

Mr Phibbs said: "I will be taking legal advice and intend to battle against this all the way."

"As far as I am concerned, *New Agenda* is no longer the property of Tory party Central Office. It is an independent publication. No party money goes into the publication - it is paid for entirely by subscribers, advertisers and donations."

But the federation said that its national executive exercised ultimate authority over the magazine, not Mr Phibbs.

Mr Bercow said: "Regardless of the content of the interview in question, on which people may hold differing views, the fact is Harry didn't follow the proper procedures."

"He is making much of this being a matter of principle but he cannot do that while covering behind the FCS imprimatur. That is a bankruptcy of principle."

Almost alone among Conservative politicians yesterday, Lord Stockton sought to defuse the row, the latest in a series of damaging clashes between the party hierarchy.

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Sellafield shut in waste alert

By David Sapped

The Sellafield nuclear reprocessing complex was shut down completely yesterday after radioactivity in waste to be discharged into the Irish Sea was found to be above government safety limits introduced just six weeks ago.

British Nuclear Fuels, which runs the Cumbrian plant, admitted last night that the cause was not known. It denied it could not meet the strict new levels set by the Department of Energy.

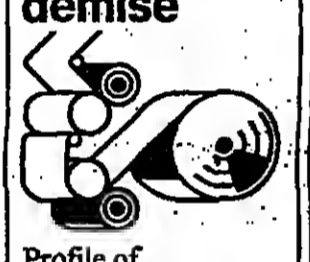
One reason for the new standards is a report from the Commons environment committee last March which called the Irish Sea "the most radioactive in the world" as a result of Sellafield discharges, and urged that they be reduced to as near zero as possible.

A spokesman for BNFL said that closing down the reprocessing was a precaution after routine checks yesterday morning showed that liquid waste stored in a sea tank reached a level of radioactivity likely to breach the new limits.

It is not known how long the plant will be closed or the cost to BNFL. The incident is similar to one in November, 1983, when there was also a build-up of highly radioactive effluent in a tank. The liquid was discharged into the sea resulting in contamination and subsequent closure of local beaches.

BNFL was later charged and convicted of two criminal offences relating to the incident. Since then, two new effluent treatment plants have been built to treat the liquid, which is a by-product of the reprocessing of spent uranium and plutonium.

Tomorrow Dinosaur's demise



Profile of Fleet Street, in the grip of a printing revolution

Portfolio Gold

The Times Portfolio Gold competition prize of £12,000, treble the usual amount because there was no winner the previous two days, was shared yesterday by two readers - Mrs P. Cooke, of Dunstable, Bedfordshire, and Mrs D.M. Armstrong, of Northumberland. Details, page 3.

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TUC pact may head off clash

By Nicholas Wood Political Reporter

Union leaders accepted yesterday that legally enforceable pre-strike "secret ballots" are here to stay.

They agreed a face-saving formula that is expected to avert a damaging clash with Mr Neil Kinnock at next month's Trades Union Congress conference in Brighton.

The Labour leader's determination to salvage ballots from a promised repeal of the Government's employment laws had brought him into confrontation with left-wing unions led by the Transport and General Workers' Union and the National Union of Mineworkers.

Yesterday, however, 18 unions, including the TGWU, gave assent at a meeting of the TUC's general purposes committee, to a composite resolution to be put before the conference. It asserts the legal right of members to a secret ballot before a strike.

They insisted that the compromise was not a "fudge" and that it was fully in line with the joint TUC/Labour Party policy document, which gives statutory force for secret ballots.

The decision will come as a relief to Mr Kinnock and most TUC leaders, who regard the conference as an important showcase for new-found unity in the labour movement.

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Secretary case man detained

By Stewart Tensler Crime Correspondent

A private detective yesterday, trapped and handed over to the police, a man suspected of posing as a businessman and duping a London secretary into vanishing with him last weekend.

The man, whose photograph had been issued by the police, was spotted near Reading magistrates court, Berkshire.

The detective, Mr Brian Wiggins, who had seen the face on television on Monday night, followed the man on to a bus, told the driver to keep the doors closed and to drive to his garage nearby, where he challenged the man. There was no struggle and police were called.

Last night the man was being questioned at a London police station.

The secretary, Miss Sarah Lambert, aged 25, yesterday began making a statement at Ealing police station, west London, that is expected to take three days to complete.

She had been found at Basingstoke railway station on Monday just as a nationwide search for her got under way.

Yesterday, Det Supt Trevor Brown said there would be charges, though he did not think these would involve violence.

Miss Lambert had been missing for four days after taking a supposed £12,000 job with a bogus businessman calling himself Mr Simmons.

Mr Brown said she had been "an innocent victim". There was no suggestion that she had been held by force and, as yet, there have been no reasons given why she had not contacted family or friends.

Mr Wiggins, who runs the Alliance International Detective Agency, is a former London detective constable. He was on his way to serve court papers when he spotted the wanted man. "People think that a private detective's life is exciting, but it is mostly very boring."

Police had originally named the man they wanted to interview as Mr Joseph Michael Hanson, who had failed to return earlier this month to Kirkbarrow open prison, near Preston.

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Ex-clippie buys bus company

By Our City Staff

A former bus conductor yesterday masterminded a management buyout of the first local bus company sold under the Government's plan to privatize 52 subsidiaries of the National Bus Company.

Mr Harry Blundren, chairman and managing director of Devon General, who began work on the buses as a conductor for another company in 1962, led a team of five senior managers.

Devon General is also the first NBC company to be bought by existing management. National Holidays was sold to another company last month. The price is believed to be more than £3 million. The company employs more than 1,000 staff.

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Conrad Black group to repay pension cash

From John Best, Ottawa

money and court costs totalling around \$Can 2 million. In its 46-page judgement the court ruled that Dominion "received the funds and holds them without authority."

The Pension Commission of Ontario should not have authorized their withdrawal. The ruling overturned one by an Ontario Supreme Court judge.

The company's withdrawal of the money was disclosed earlier this year in the midst of a round of lay-offs at Dominion. The dismissals followed a decision by Dominion to sell most of its grocery stores to a rival chain, A&P.

The employees' union claimed the money was used to pay off 1984 losses and meet the cost of closures.

Mr Black argued that the money was a surplus belonging to shareholders.

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Britain leads world currency markets

By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent

London is the world's biggest foreign exchange market, according to a survey published by the Bank of England yesterday. Its annual turnover is worth more than 20 times the total of trade elsewhere.

With a daily turnover of \$90 billion (£60 billion), the City's currency market handles almost twice the amount traded daily in either New York or Tokyo.

Surveys in the United States and Japan show that foreign

exchange trading has grown rapidly in both cities, amounting to a turnover of \$50 billion a day in New York and \$48 billion in Tokyo.

There are no figures for the growth of trading in London because this is the Bank's first survey of the London market. But Bank officials suggest that London has been growing at least as fast as New York, where currency trading volume has increased by 50 per cent since 1983.

The majority of foreign currency transactions in London are carried out between

banks. Their business with customers accounted for only 9 per cent of total turnover.

The results of the survey may cause concern in official circles, where disruptive currency fluctuations are often blamed on speculative dealing by financial institutions.

Irish police under attack by RUC in 'secret file'

By Richard Ford

Deep criticisms of the performance of the Irish Republic's police in assisting the Royal Ulster Constabulary to cross-border security were disclosed yesterday in a confidential document said to be the minutes of a security briefing between the RUC chief constable and senior officers.

The document, was released by the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, who said it was left anonymously at his Belfast office.

It includes assessments by divisional commanders of "loyalist" and republican paramilitary operations, details of future parades and comments on the morale of RUC officers.

The need for greater intelligence on loyalist groups because of the close alliance between political, paramilitary and subversive organisations within the Protestant community is also outlined.

Sectional tactics mentioned during the meeting in June include the possibility of take-overs of villages, as occurred to Hillsborough in July and Clontarf earlier this month. It also raises the possibility of loyalists damaging sewerage plants and the paramilitary Ulster Defence Association causing explosions in the south.

The criticism of the Garda in the document reflects the private thoughts of many policemen. Sir John Hermon, RUC chief constable, is reportedly said of the Garda: "It was evident their capacity and contribution was small."

A report from a division covering Londonderry says there were many terrorists on the run in Co Donegal, but "no real assistance from the Garda at all".

An assistant chief constable, with responsibility for a rural area in the west of the province, is alleged to have said: "The Garda promised much but delivered little. Border reclosures after illegal reopenings are made too slow in being processed."

Under the heading "Terror-

ist Threat", the document says that intelligence coverage of the IRA and Irish National Liberation Army is good, "but similar penetration of loyalist groups was essential due to the close alliance of political, paramilitary and subversive organisations and personalities on that side".

Mr Paisley said that he had released the document because it was essential that the public was aware of the contradiction between what ministers were saying about improvements in cross-border security and the police's own thoughts. "It is a conspiracy against the whole Protestant community and our constitutional position. The authorities are lying through their teeth."

He claimed that the mention of improving intelligence on loyalist groups meant that the RUC was to infiltrate his party as spies. They were being singled out because they were the hard core of resistance to the Anglo-Irish agreement and the authorities believed that if they were broken other unionists would compromise.

Last night the RUC said it was investigating the authenticity of the document. Improved cross-border security was one of the main aims of the Anglo-Irish agreement, with the RUC believing that greater co-operation between it and the Garda could contribute to destroying republican terrorism.

Earlier this year Sir John Hermon said that he would need reorientation of its resources and methods. He said that he expected more positive results and that a co-operation programme was to start within weeks.

The Garda has other the resources or the reforms needed for it to match the RUC. It remains an 11,800-strong largely unarmed force formed to police a rural society, and is lacking in management skills and command structure when compared with the 8,270 full-time RUC.

New sightings in Lamplugh search

By David Sapsted

A Photofit picture of "Mr Kipper" was released by Scotland Yard last night after two witnesses came forward and cast doubt on previous theories about the movements of Miss Susannah Lamplugh on the last day she was seen, more than three weeks ago.

Det. Supt Nick Carter, who is leading the hunt, believes the estate agent, aged 25, may have had lunch with Mr Kipper after showing him around a house for sale in Shorold's Road, Fulham, south-west London.

A witness has come forward with a new description of the man after seeing him, clutching a bottle of champagne, with Miss Lamplugh outside the house at 1pm on Monday, July 28.

An estate agent acquaintance of the missing woman has disclosed that she saw the couple driving along Fulham Palace Road at 2.45pm that day with Miss Lamplugh looking "serious but not distressed," according to Mr Carter.

This is at odds with the previously-accepted theory that Miss Lamplugh's car, a white Ford Fiesta, had been parked in Stevenage Road, where it was found later that evening at about 1pm.

Three new witnesses have come forward in recent days. A resident of Shorold's Road reported seeing Miss Lamplugh waiting for the client at 12.50pm and a man saw her and Mr Kipper—"immaculately dressed", according to police, in a charcoal grey suit and light coloured shirt and tie-looking



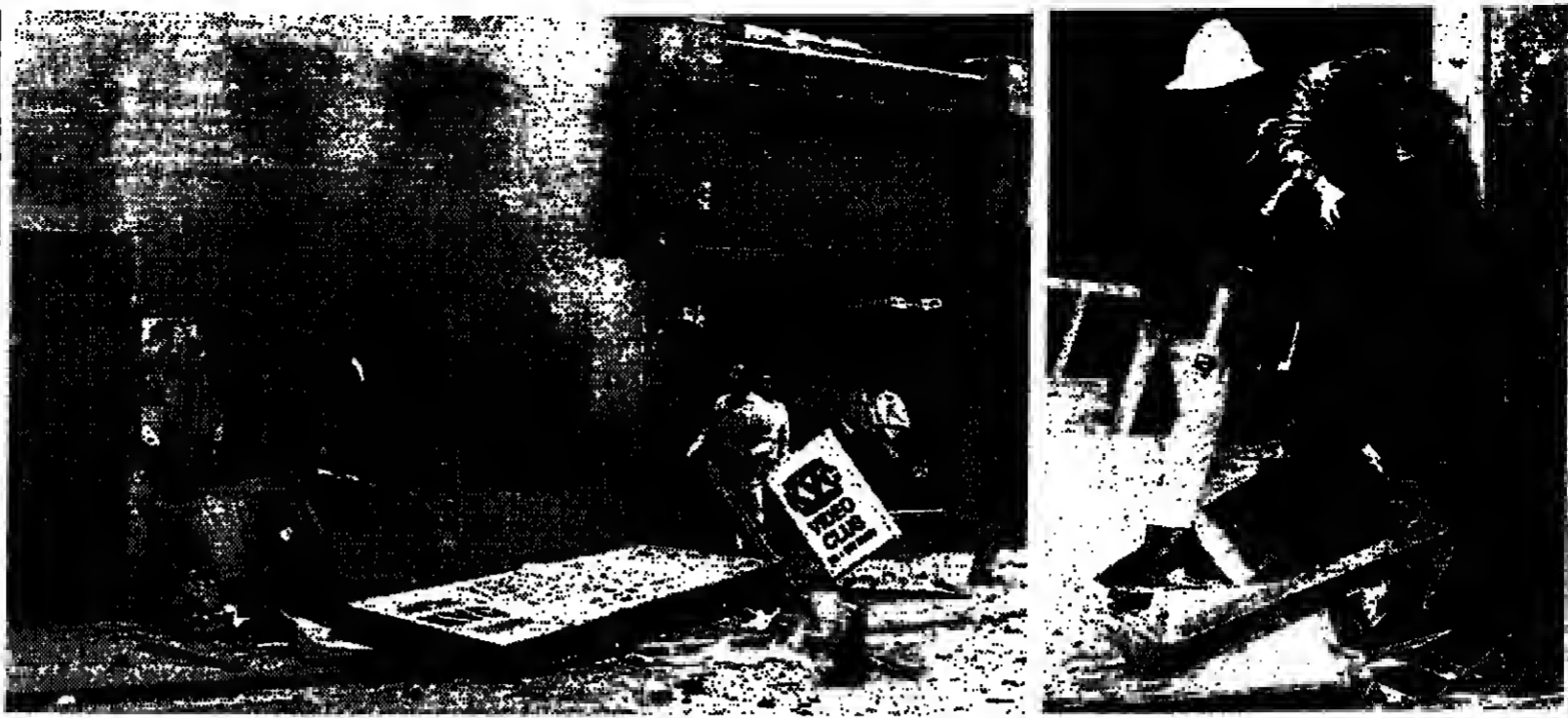
The Photofit picture of Mr Kipper issued by the police yesterday.



A photograph of Susannah Lamplugh, taken just before she disappeared.

at the outside of the house 10 minutes later. The champagne he carried may have had a red, white and blue ribbon round the bottle.

The third witness said she was cycling along Fulham Palace Road when she saw Miss Lamplugh and a man travelling in the Ford Fiesta in the opposite direction.



Bystanders outside the smoking ruins of the ground floor shop and basement just after the explosion yesterday in Kensington High Street, west London, in which one man died. Right, a policeman and a fireman helping one of the victims to safety (Photographs: Brendan Beirne).

SDP green paper

Promise of additional cash for health

By Jill Sherman

The Social Democratic Party will spend an extra 2 per cent per year on the National Health Service (NHS) and establish a £300 million innovation and primary health care fund if it comes to power.

Launching the SDP's green paper on the health service, Mr Charles Kennedy, party spokesman on health and social services, said yesterday that the extra spending was the minimum needed to cover the cost of demographic growth, technological change and to allow some service development.

He said that although health authorities would still be encouraged to make efficiency savings, cost improvements would not be included in the extra 2 per cent.

"There can't be any serious argument that the biggest civilian employer in western

Europe is bound to have inefficiencies in some sectors. But we feel that instead of central diktat these decisions are better made by local people on the spot and there may be greater scope that way of achieving more efficiency savings."

He said that the party had revised its 1.5 per cent figure, announced in its 1984 paper, because of a visible increase in problems facing the NHS.

The innovation and primary health care fund would allow district health authorities, local authorities and voluntary organisations to apply for funding for projects to tackle inequalities in health care, and to develop new schemes for priority groups, such as the elderly, handicapped and mentally ill.

The green paper also proposes tackling lengthy waiting lists by imposing a maximum

waiting period for different types of treatment. Patients should be allowed the right to hospital treatment within a specified period.

"It would be entirely feasible for the Secretary of State to lay down regulations for waiting times," Mr Kennedy said.

Where long waiting lists existed, such as for hip replacements, the specified period could be fixed at six months, and then reduced again for a reasonable time, during which the district health authority (DHA) must respond.

"The DHA would have to either buy services from other districts or hire more doctors in the specialty with unacceptable waiting lists in order to meet each patient's right to treatment," the paper said. It also takes up an idea

originally described in a paper by Professor Alan Epthoven, of Stanford University, California, that districts should establish an internal market by buying in specialised services from some districts and selling spare capacity to others, an idea already practised by a few districts in Britain.

The paper proposes scrapping the existing system of pay review bodies and separate Whitley councils to determine NHS pay, and suggests replacing this with one single public sector pay review body.

The policy document lists several other innovative ideas for the NHS, many of which would require extra finance. But it says in a preface: "The SDP intends to review all its policy proposals which have expenditure commitments, and establish clear priorities closer to the next general election."

BMA talk on cash for victims

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Law Society has agreed to talks with the British Medical Association on the possibility of a state-funded scheme to provide compensation on a "no fault" basis for victims of medical negligence.

The talks are to take place amid growing concern about the mounting number of negligence claims and the huge awards for damages ordered against doctors.

Under such schemes, which exist in Sweden and New Zealand, a patient who suffers injury as a result of a medical accident is entitled to compensation without having to prove fault in the courts.

The annual meeting of the BMA earlier this year voted for a review of such a scheme because it said the growing number of negligence claims meant doctors were practising "defensive medicine".

The Medical Defence Union and the Medical Protection Society both said on Monday that American-style litigation and awards were just around the corner, and announced increases of 70 per cent in premiums to be paid by doctors for cover.

The courts and the lawyers came in for criticism as a possible reason for the increased amounts being paid out in damages, expected soon to reach the £1 million level. The highest damages so far against a doctor is £700,000.

Mr Bernard Hargrove QC, said yesterday in a foreword to the Medical Defence Union's special notice to doctors: "Are the courts and the lawyers being too clever by half in extending and increasing damages, safe in the (false) assumption that there is a bottomless bucket of insurance money available?"

New rules have also been recently brought in whereby the payment of damages in one lump sum will, in appropriate cases, be superseded by the payment of damages with a right reserved for the patient to have a "second bite".

Mr Hargrove said this was likely to increase overall costs and payments.

Another factor was legal aid, which encouraged plaintiffs to press forward with their actions in the knowledge that they have nothing to lose. Three out of four claimants are legally-aided.

Boys die in chase up pylon

Three firemen risked their lives to reach a dying boy trapped on a live electricity pylon.

Mr John Thornby, aged 36, Mr Frank Duckworth, aged 40, and Mr John Mair, aged 36, were returning from another incident when they saw two youths on a live 66,000-volt pylon. Both boys were on fire - one was dead and the other was screaming in agony.

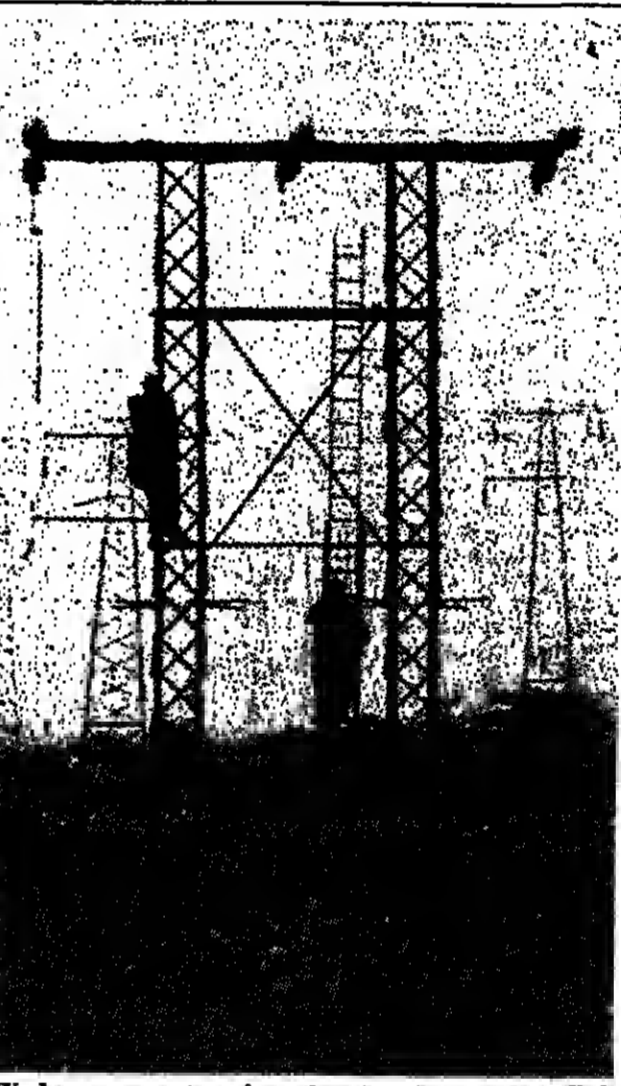
They broke their safety rules to bring James Donkin, aged 15, to the ground before the supply of power to the pylon was switched off. The boy died yesterday at Sunderland General Hospital.

The body of Peter Richardson, aged 15, was recovered after the North Eastern Electricity Board switched off the power.

The two school friends had chased each other up the pylon in a field near their homes in Barnimston, Washington, Tyne and Wear, during a game of tag. They ignored the warning of a passer-by to stay clear and danger signs posted at the bottom of the tower.

Mr Ian Colquhoun, of the North Eastern Electricity Board, said: "While we would praise the motives of the firemen involved we would not advise them to go too near live cables at any time. They could easily have been killed themselves."

Questions about the safety of pylons were being asked yesterday over the apparent



Workmen carry out repairs to the pylon where two boys died.

case with which the youngsters climbed the gantry. The electricity board said there was the normal protection of heavy duty barbed wire guard on each leg. On this type of structure the barbed wire

forms a special plate, about 12ft from the ground, creating the equivalent of an overhanging obstacle that the climber has to get round. A danger warning sign was attached to the left leg.

Council defends safety record

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

132,000 volts and below, comprising pylons carrying the local overhead distribution network of the area boards.

The proportion of the local supply carried by pylons varies. In London, for instance, 99.9 per cent is distributed by underground cable, according to the area board.

In technical terms, there is no legal deterrent against people climbing pylons unless they cause damage.

Safety measures against people clambering the towers rest on barbed wire barriers and spikes around the base of towers to a height of 12 to 20 ft.

This has been regarded as a firm deterrent that alternatives such as anti-climbing paint, which is intended to

have a slippery pole effect for an intruder.

The spaces between the girders on most structures are wide, providing another discouragement to all but the most determined, in the Electricity Council's view.

The two boys appear to have been killed by a "flash over" from a 60,000 volt line as they reached out as if to grasp the line.

Under normal circumstances, when an insulator breaks down the electricity arcs to the pylon which acts like a lightning conductor carrying the current to earth. Conductors are inspected every day, and about 80 miles of the grid is being replaced with new conductors each year so they will not sag like old ones.

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Shutdown threat to oil rig yard

Management at the French-owned UIE oil rig construction yard on the Clyde said yesterday the yard could close if the 530-strong permanent workforce goes on strike next Monday.

A mass meeting of the workers agreed yesterday to strike over the management's decision to make 270 of them redundant.

But the 850 sub-contractors at the yard, who will also be paid off over the next few months, rejected the call for a strike at their meeting.

Mr Brian Henson of UIE said the company only had work for 250 men until the end of next year. If those contracts were not fulfilled on time, the company would have to pay penalties.

The redundancies, announced on Monday, were not negotiable, he said.

"There is a severe shortage of work for as much as three years depending on how the price of oil goes. Most yards are in the same position. If we don't get more work then the yard may go over to a care and maintenance basis," said Mr Henson.

He believed the dispute could still be resolved and the yard's good industrial relations record would remain intact.

But the shop stewards' convener, Mr James Hamilton, said the company was breaking a 1983 agreement protecting the jobs of the nucleus workforce.

Mr Hamilton said the unions were angry that the company intended to retain some short-term contract workers after full-time staff were laid off and accused UIE of trying to rid itself of workers protected by long-standing agreements.

Last night shop stewards representing the full-time workforce were meeting to discuss their next step. A company spokesman said he was confident that the dispute could be settled before a strike.

Icelander has clear lead in chess contest

By Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent

The grandmaster Hjartarson, of Iceland, took a clear lead in the penultimate round of the Commonwealth Open Championship in London when he outplayed de Firmian, of the United States. He has 7 points out of a possible 8.

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Dump site protesters keep out engineers

By Mark Dowd

Engineering contractors made two unsuccessful attempts to gain access yesterday to the site at Killingholme, South Humberside, earmarked as a low-level radio-active waste dump.

At 9.15am, 10 protesters blocked the way of an approaching Land Rover, and a request to change the locks of the compound was politely but firmly rejected.

Four hours later, the contractors made a second attempt, this time getting out of the vehicle and making a half-hearted effort to walk through the cordon.

After the second attempt Nirex, the Government's nuclear waste agency, gave a warning that injunctions will be taken out as a last resort.

Anti-nuclear protesters yesterday maintained their 24-hour vigil outside Fulbeck airfield, Lincolnshire, another of the four proposed nuclear waste sites, but contractors hoping to start test drilling failed to turn up.

Expansion at airport sought

The civilian operator at the Manston RAF base in Kent has announced plans to turn it into an international airport handling one million passengers a year.

Seabourne Aviation is to seek planning permission to build a new passenger terminal and cargo facilities at the base on the Isle of Thanet. The company says it has local authority support for the scheme which it claims would create 900 jobs over five years.

Radio services join forces

BBC Radio 4 and the World Service are joining forces to present a season of drama to a world-wide audience for the first time.

Beginning at the end of the month, the simultaneous broadcasts on successive Sunday afternoons will focus on classic European plays by Shaw, Chekhov, Ibsen, Moliere and Pirandello. The exception will be *All My Sons* by Arthur Miller, the American playwright.

Man freed on gun charge

James Kearney, aged 23, unemployed, of Romford Road, Forest Gate, east London, was cleared at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of threatening an official at an unemployment benefits office with an imitation gun.

He was accused of demanding money with menaces and possession of the firearm with intent. He denied the charges, but did not dispute that he had the gun when he went into the office at Romford to inquire about money due to him.

Ulsterman accused

An electrician appeared at Lambeth magistrates' court in south London yesterday accused of conspiracy to cause explosions between October 6, 1983, and January 25, 1984.

Gilbert Thomas Patrick McNamee, aged 25, of Crossmaglen, Co Armagh, who is accused of conspiring with Paul Kavanagh and Natalino Vella, was remanded in custody until tomorrow.

Man quizzed on flare death

Police have questioned a man after the death of a retired businessman who was struck in the chest by a distress flare during a fireworks display to mark the end of Cowes week.

A resumed inquest yesterday into the death of Lesley Hoggett, aged 61, of Kingswood, Hampshire, was told that it had not been decided whether to prosecute the man.

Cider traffic moves to rail

More than 4,000 tonnes a year will be kept off Somerset roads because of a big goods contract won by British Rail.

Up to five million tonnes of cider a year will be carried by rail to Scotland, northern and southern England, and Northern Ireland for Taunton Cider, which produces a third of Britain's cider in Norton Fitzwarren, near Taunton.

Dog attack

Surgeons were trying last night to sew back an ear that was bitten off when Mrs. Kathleen Roffe, aged 56, a postwoman, was attacked by three alsatian dogs as she delivered mail to a house in Wheatridge, Gloucester.

At the federation's annual meeting next month in Leicester, Mr Phibbs is expected to make a new controversy when he tables a motion asking for "freedom of migration", suggesting that people should be able to live and work in any country they choose.

NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF BRITISH GAS 3 PER CENT GUARANTEED STOCK, 1990-1995 GAS ACT 1986

On 24th August 1986, by virtue of the Gas Act 1986, HM Treasury will assume the rights and liabilities in respect of British Gas 3 per cent Guaranteed Stock, 1990-1995. The stock will therefore become a direct liability of HM Treasury (having been previously a liability of the British Gas Corporation guaranteed by HM Treasury) and will be renamed 3 per cent Guaranteed Gas Stock, 1990-1995.

These changes do not require any action to be taken by stockholders. All existing dividend mandates etc in respect of British Gas 3 per cent Guaranteed Stock, 1990-1995 on the register of the Bank of England will automatically apply to holdings of the renamed stock. However, income tax will no longer be deducted from dividends of 25 or less per annum.

Certificates for existing holdings will not require amendment and will continue to have effect in relation to the renamed stock. On or after 24th August 1986 transfers should be completed to relate to the renamed stock, transfers of British Gas 3 per cent Guaranteed Stock, 1990-1995 executed before 24th August 1986 but received at the Bank of England for registration after that day will be treated as transfers of the renamed stock.

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Vocal young Tory no stranger to controversy

By Nicholas Beeston

Mr Harry Phibbs, editor of the Conservative student magazine which attacked Lord Stockton and has angered the Tory Establishment, is no stranger to controversy, in spite of his relative youth.

One of the more vocal and militant of the breed of young Tory ideologues in the Federation of Conservative Students, Mr Phibbs first surfaced in 1982 when, as a pupil at Pimlico Comprehensive in London, he was arrested by the KGB at Moscow airport for attempting to smuggle

leaflets on disarmament into the Soviet Union.

Later the school suspended him briefly for distributing anti-feminist leaflets in the classroom.

Since then his exploits have become almost an annual event, usually resulting in red faces at Conservative Central Office and publicity for Mr Phibbs and his libertarian supporters in the federation.

He is determined to remain editor of *New Agenda*, which is self-financing, even if the Conservative Party and the federation cut its links with him.

Mr Phibbs said yesterday that he was "completely committed to the party", although he also admitted that the Establishment had tried to keep him "more firmly under

its thumb" than he would like.

That became apparent in 1984 when, after two years as chairman of the Westminster Young Conservatives, Mr Phibbs and some of his associates were purged because of their extreme views.

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and like-minded student leaders.

A federation spokesman said that branches had the power to discipline members, but the attack on Lord Stockton by Mr Phibbs would be unlikely to result in disciplinary measures.

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Smoker plans the first damages claim against a tobacco company

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A man who it is claimed risks losing a leg as a result of smoking is planning to sue Imperial Tobacco in the first legal action of its kind in this country.

If the case succeeds, it could open the floodgates to compensation claims totalling millions of pounds, the anti-smoking group, ASH, said yesterday. The man, who is aged 31 and comes from Liverpool, is said to be suffering from Burger's disease, a type of peripheral vascular disease which affects the circulation and frequently leads to amputation of a limb. ASH says the disease is almost exclusive to smokers and the fact that the man is so young makes the link with tobacco all the stronger.

So far neither the man, nor the solicitors who expect the case to be filed within the next few weeks, have been named. Before beginning the action, a report is being prepared on whether the suit has "a sporting chance of success".

With the backing of that report ASH will then seek to raise funds from charities and bodies such as the British Medical Association to bring proceedings. The costs are estimated at a minimum of £200,000.

Details of the case were

released yesterday at a meeting of British and American legal experts who gathered at the Royal Society of Medicine in London to discuss product liability law and the potential for legal action in the United Kingdom.

Laywers who specialize in product liability cases are being advised by a leading American legal campaigner, Professor Richard Daynard, who forecasts that it is only a matter of time before such lawsuits succeed.

"There are now something like 100 lawsuits that have been filed in the United States against American tobacco companies for claims in cases of sickness or death, and these are at various stages of progress," he said yesterday. Only two had so far reached a jury but those cases had been weak ones. "It is only a matter of time it is trying to defend a bunch of rockets that have been thrown. Eventually one of them is going to get through," he said.

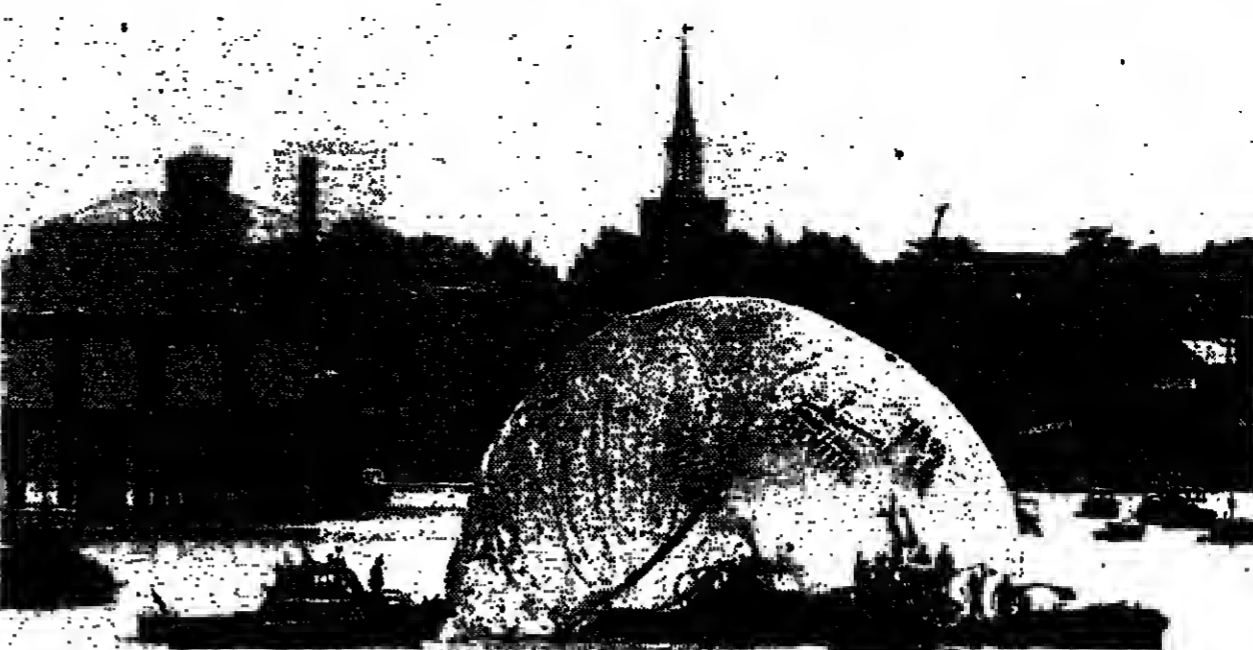
Mr David Simpson, the director of ASH, said yesterday that since its foundation by the Royal College of Physicians in 1971, ASH had neglected the possibility of court actions against tobacco companies, largely because of the cost of litigation.

"It is absurd that the manufacturers of the single most lethal consumer product that the world has ever known should apparently be exempt from paying damages," Mr Simpson said.

The medical profession were more united about the dangers of smoking than on any other matter and of all the dangers linked with smoking, including lung cancer, coronary heart disease and vascular disease had the closest link of all, he said. "It is now virtually unknown for someone to have a limb amputated for gangrene except where he is a smoker," Mr Simpson said.

So far, in the United States, the tobacco companies have not paid a penny in damages, but their legal bills are rising. According to Professor Daynard, it has cost the industry an estimated £10 million to defend a lawsuit brought by a youth of 19 who contracted cancer of the tongue after taking snuff for several years.

But the fight is not likely to be a quick one. One issue will be - as in America - whether the law requiring a health warning on cigarette packets protects companies from product liability actions.



Bubble bursts on trial Channel 'roll'

River police rescuing two adventurers from their sinking craft on the Thames yesterday (Photograph: Graham Wood).

The bubble burst for two adventurers yesterday when a stunt on the river Thames went wrong. Mr David Kirke and Mr Hugo Spower were trying to "roll" down the river inside a huge 65ft-high air balloon. But after only five minutes on the water, the massive transparent bubble popped and slowly deflated.

It left the men, both members of the Dangerous Sports Club, smothered

underneath the huge PVC balloon, nicknamed Melonball, after the sponsors who produce a new melon liqueur.

The two men backed their way out with knives and were picked up by a police launch. The stunt was supposed to be a test run for a Channel crossing later this summer.

"Of course I'm a little melancholy," Mr Kirke, aged 40, of Fulham, south-west London, said after the near disaster.

Mr Kirke, who was soaking wet, added: "If anything it makes me more keen to do the Channel crossing."

Mr Spower, aged 26, said the bubble burst because a wire attached to the tug pulling it snapped and punctured the balloon's skin.

"We are definitely going ahead with the Channel crossing - there's no doubt about it," he said.

Homes on surplus land urged

By John Winder

About 3,500,000 acres of farming land which is surplus to the needs of agriculture should be used for providing homes and industry, Mr Graham Pye, chairman of the Pye house-building group, argues in a paper published today.

The article is part of a reply to the Oxford speech on farming and environment issues by Mr William Waldegrave, Minister for Environment, Countryside and Local Government, last January.

In a comment at the end of the paper, published by the Centre for Policy Studies, a right-wing Conservative "think tank" set up by Mrs Thatcher and Sir Keith Joseph in the 1970s, Mr Waldegrave says that Britain must surely not retreat from nineteenth century cities and move a nearly stable population into the undamaged countryside.

Mr Pye, immediate past president of the House Builders' Federation, says that the minister's approach to the problem is worrying because it fails to recognize the scale of the problem facing farming, the financial implications and the regrettable disdain of the environmental campaigner for the rights and wishes of the majority to share in wealth and personal comfort from the development of new homes and jobs.

He says that keeping out of production the 15 per cent - 3.5 million acres - of agricultural land could cost the nation at least £175 million a year and possibly as much as £400 million annually.

On Ministry of Agriculture budgets, he says that it could be paid for by permanently abandoning all research, which costs £240 million, but that for Mr Waldegrave the abandonment of the urban programme at £227 million could almost pay for the "preservation in aspic" of the countryside.

Mr Pye argues that the need is widely accepted to adapt and modernize economic structures and to re-site industries in locations which would help to produce profits.

Since it would be beyond the ability, and probably the will, of the taxpayer to fund farmers' inactivity on the scale the environmentalists' solution might dictate, it was the development industry which could, and should, make common cause with the farmer.

Mr Waldegrave's riposte suggests that the achievement of preserving about 80 per cent of land from development should be maintained.

The minister says: "I do not believe that all the land which need not be used for intensive farming in the future need go wholly out of farming and forestry uses. The market will see to it that more extensive, less capital intensive farming uses will become more worthwhile - just as long as the land is not finally lost to urbanization while urban deterioration elsewhere grows."

Scottish exams controversy Second chance for pupils

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Schools in Scotland are to be told that Standard Grade examination candidates who were given a "no award" certificate this month will get a second chance, if teachers agree to carry out the vital classroom assessment by the end of December.

More than 5,000 Scottish pupils aged 16 and 17 were left with a no-award because teachers refused to assess their work during the pay dispute, which coincided with the launch of the new Standard Grade examination. It replaced the Scottish O grade, and is roughly equivalent to the new GCSE exam.

About 20,000 "no award" certificates have been given in mathematics, English, science, and social and vocational skills, the four subjects introduced in the first phase of reform. This contrasts with only 12,000 awarded certificates. The concern is that the

no-awards will be seen as failures.

Most candidates in these subjects were entered for the old O grade, which was specially retained because of the effects of the pay dispute and which contains no teacher assessment. But some schools chose to enter their pupils for the new Standard Grade.

Mr Farquhar Macintosh, chairman of the Scottish Examination Board and head of the Royal High School, Edinburgh, said that it was made plain to schools last November what would happen to children who were entered for the new examination and whose teachers refused to carry out the assessment element.

"It was clearly repeated," he said. "The administration of schools has failed to make it perfectly clear to pupils and it did not sink in with the parents."

"When we realized what might happen, we presented the bulk of candidates at our school for the O grade exam. That is what most schools in Scotland did, but some, unfortunately, did not and it is their children who are suffering."

However, the Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS), which represents most Scottish teachers, said that the blame for what happened must lie with the board and ministers for "encouraging" schools to do the Standard Grade examination knowing that teachers would not cooperate.

A spokesman for the Scottish Education Department denied that the no-award certificates would be seen as failures.

"They will be of considerable value to youngsters, even without an overall grade."

Sex equality fight on council's hands

By Our Education Correspondent

Bradford council faces another battle with a teacher, similar to the Honeyford affair over race and education. But this time the issue is the authority's policy on sex equality.

A senior teacher in Keighley, West Yorkshire, could face disciplinary action as a result of a scathing article he wrote in the *Telegraph and Argus*, Bradford, about the council's decision to appoint a sex equality adviser at a salary of £18,000 a year.

Mr Peter Thorpe, head of mathematics at Highfield middle school, who describes himself as a life-long Labour voter, said the adviser's appointment was a waste of taxpayers' money.

"It is clear that in spite of the vociferous efforts of rampant feminism and the today's opportunism of local politicians, the great bulk of the population still acknowledges that men and women have natural leanings and

orientations," he declared in the article.

"It seems that the majority of girls are - many would think sensibly - following the traditional female role model - presented to them by their mothers and large numbers of early years teachers."

He argued that "career-oriented" females should be stopped from imposing their values on others.

His views have met with a hostile reaction from the Labour-controlled Bradford council.

Mr Brian McAndrew, acting chief executive, said: "I am extremely disappointed with the article. I have asked the acting director of education to decide whether this is a matter which warrants disciplinary action."

Councillor Barrie Thorpe, chairman of Highfield school's governors, has asked the school's head to interview Mr Thorpe about the article, and to tell him that it contravenes the council's policy on sex equality.

Channel 4 pulls out of schools film scheme

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent

Channel 4 Television has withdrawn a promise of support for a project by Mr David Puttnam, the film producer, to introduce film studies to schools.

Mr Paul Bonner, Channel 4 controller of programmes, said yesterday: "It is certainly a worthwhile project. But with the best will in the world, we could not see a precise enough connection between it and our primary objective of making programmes to justify diverting funds."

Mr Ian Wall, a film educa-

tionist, who has been coordinating the scheme, said that the prospects of it being launched were now receding.

"We will be approaching other potential sponsors, but at the moment it looks like it might not happen. It's particularly disappointing in view of the support we've had from the film industry itself," he said.

Hopes that the Department of Trade and Industry would give its support were dashed earlier this month.

It covers action required before the trespassers arrive, application for a county or High Court injunction to prevent the trespass, and proceedings in the High and county courts to recover possession.

Copies of the advice are available from the ministry's regional and divisional offices and the agriculture department of the Welsh Office at Aberystwyth.

Engineers woo school leavers

The number of unfilled technical apprenticeships in the engineering industry is worrying companies in the Midlands so much that employers have launched a new campaign to attract school leavers.

The Engineering Employers' Association in the region wants to show 16-year-olds and their parents that the old metal-bashing image is long out of date. The industry needs to train at least 200 youngsters, mostly as technicians, each year.

Mr Rod Hastie, the association's director of operations, said: "A reason why individuals shun the apprenticeships is because they think of engineering in terms of metal-bashing, a sunset industry."

"They don't see the big strides in technology that have been taken. An apprentice technician can hope to earn up to £15,000 during the four years of training and about £9,000 a year three years after graduating."

The lack of interest among suitable school leavers in the region and surrounding areas has led one company, Dentend Precision Castings in Droitwich, Hereford and Worcester, to describe its own situation as "desperate".

Extensive advertising has drawn only two qualified candidates, Mr Rex Delicate, its personnel manager, said.

The company, like many of the 2,000 engineering firms in the West Midlands, wants to attract 16-year-olds with four or five O levels in mathematics, physics, technical drawing and English.

A Berkshire hotel is hiring French waiters because it cannot find anyone to do the job.

Only two restaurant waiters at the Great Hotel at Maidenhead are English - the rest are French.

But when the hotel advertised in a French magazine earlier this year it had 48 replies.

French job seekers see hotel and waiting work as an honourable career, which is not how we see the industry in England," Mr Andrew Elvin, the hotel's personnel manager, said.

Portfolio Gold

Two share £12,000 jackpot

Two people shared prize money of £12,000 in Portfolio Gold yesterday after no winner was declared in the previous two days.

Mrs Dorothy Margaret Armstrong, aged 54, a teacher, of Middleton Street, Blyth, Northumberland, who has been playing the competition since it began, won at her first attempt after her return from holiday.

She said her £6,000 share would be very welcome.

Mrs Armstrong shared the money with Mrs Patsy Cooke, aged 34, a mother of four, of Dunstable, Bedfordshire, who will use the money to help establish an alternative medical service.

Mrs Cooke, who was delighted with the news, said: "I feel like a million dollars." Readers who have difficulty in obtaining a Portfolio Gold card should send a stamped addressed envelope to: Portfolio Gold, The Times, PO Box 40, Blackburn, BB1 6AJ.



Mrs Cooke, money for medical service.

Ironing death brings plea from coroner

Mr Michael Rose, the Somerset Coroner, called for higher safety standards yesterday after hearing how Mrs Christine Way was electrocuted as she did her ironing.

Mrs Way, aged 42, died in her garden last month as she did the ironing outdoors. Faulty wiring caused her extension socket to come alive.

Recording a verdict of accidental death at the inquest in Taunton yesterday, Mr Rose urged people to buy circuit breakers. Such a device, if fitted to Mrs Way's iron cable, would have cut the current and saved her.

The inquest was told that Mrs Way's daughter Sarah, aged 13, found her mother dead in the garden of their home in Moskton Heathfield, near Taunton, when she came home from school.

In a statement read out at the inquest, she said her mother's body was on the lawn. A cable was running across her chest and she had turned blue.

Mr Douglas Sweet, who investigated the accident for the South-West Electricity Board, said a plug on the extension lead was wrongly wired, with the live and earth confused; a second lead had no earth.

That caused the metal extension socket to become live and had led to Mrs Way's death.

Leaking fuel catches fire on holiday jet

Passengers on board a Dan-Air jet were taken off the aircraft after fuel leaking from an engine ignited while it was preparing for take-off at Manchester airport yesterday.

The aircraft was being pushed back by a towing vehicle when the dripping fuel caught fire on the ground.

The 109 passengers, who had been on their way to Port Mahon in Minorca, left the aircraft by the normal staircase. The captain shut down the engines and the fire was put out by ground engineers using fire extinguishers. A spokeswoman for the airline said: "The fire was contained and put out extremely quickly." The passengers left later on a replacement aircraft.

Boy, 2, saves sick mother

A boy aged two saved his mother after she fell into a diabetic coma yesterday.

Genetic factor to meningitis found

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Scientists believe they may have discovered that an inherited factor makes some people vulnerable to meningitis, and that this may explain why the disease strikes only at clusters of people in certain areas.

Researchers at Edinburgh University and Edinburgh City Hospital have discovered that a high percentage of victims do not produce natural defences to some infections, including meningitis.

The studies showed that 69 per cent of those with the illness belonged to a group known as non-secretors, who represent only about 20 per cent of the British population. Similar work in Iceland, where there has been a recent epidemic of the disease, showed that 54 per cent of meningitis patients were also non-secretors.

The Edinburgh team is offering to analyse samples from patients in cluster areas, such as Stroud in Gloucestershire, to investigate whether a similar high proportion are non-secretors.

Dr Caroline Blackwell, who led the research at the university's bacteriology department, said yesterday: "Our findings may help us

find out more about why certain people are susceptible to this disease.

"People are born either with or without the ability to secrete blood group antigens. It looks like these antigens play a role in natural defences of the body against this form of meningitis."

Dr Ray Brettell, of the infectious diseases unit at the City Hospital, said: "If we could establish whether there is a higher ratio than the national average of non-secretors in areas such as Stroud it would help remove some of the mystique about the source of the infection, and why only some people become ill."

"This research could help identify those in the population who are potential candidates for a vaccine when one becomes available." Another case of the disease was confirmed in Worcester yesterday. Two people in the area have died from meningitis this year and the number of local cases is now six.

A total of 540 cases in England and Wales have been reported this year, including 86 deaths.

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Twins by new egg technique

By Our Science Correspondent

A woman in Merseyside is expecting twins after undergoing a new treatment for infertility.

The technique is quicker, cheaper and more natural than test-tube baby methods, the consultant who developed it said yesterday.

Eggs, instead of being removed and fertilized in the laboratory, are transferred directly by laparoscopy from the patient's ovary to the fallopian tube. Sperm from the woman's partner are then injected by syringe to attempt fertilization.

The technique, known as Giff (gamete intra-fallopian tube transfer) has been developed by Mr Darwish Darwish, consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist at the Arrow Park Hospital, Birkenhead.

Mrs Joanne Fraser, of Wallasey, is the first patient to become pregnant by the treatment.

Mr Darwish said: "This technique could offer hope to many thousands of infertile couples. We are hoping to achieve more successes."

Football fan sues over view

A football fan is suing Oxford United because he could not see a match properly from a £10 seat in the main stand.

Mr Michael Walker, aged 39, bought four £10 seats to watch his team, Portsmouth, play Oxford United last January in a Milk Cup tie, which Oxford won 3-1.

Judge Leo Clark was told in Oxford County Court yesterday that an anti-hooligan barrier prevented Mr Walker from seeing any more than a third of the pitch.

Judge Clark visited Oxford United's Manor Ground yesterday to see where Mr Walker of The Keep, Portchester, Hampshire, was obliged to sit. Mr Walker is claiming £200 compensation for alleged breach of contract.

Mr Brian Dalton, the Oxford United managing director, said that other clubs used similar barriers.

The case continues.

Acquittal in mower drink case

Jill Dowson, a divorcee, thought an early morning drive on a lawn mower would be the perfect way to round off her thirty-fifth birthday party.

But an off-duty policeman saw her as she drove across a neighbour's garden with three friends and a dog in tow, and she was arrested and breath tested.

As a result, she was accused of driving a motor vehicle with excess alcohol, driving while disqualified and driving without insurance.

PC Gordon Shade told magistrates at Glastonbury, Somerset, that he had just returned home to Neville Park, Baltonborough, when he heard laughter and saw the mower towing a trailer across the lawn of the house opposite.

A breath test at Frensea police station showed that Mrs Dowson had a reading of twice the legal limit for driving.

Mrs Dowson's solicitor, Mr Patrick Butler, told the court: "The success of the prosecution case hinges on whether a garden tractor is a motor vehicle intended or adapted for use on the road."

Mrs Betty Boyd, the court chairman, said the magistrates were not satisfied that it was.



Jill Dowson, birthday trip ends in court

Mrs Dowson was cleared of all three offences. Her application for costs was accepted.

Ship's master charged with pier damage

Mr Frank Boyd, master of the sludge ship, Kingsabbey, which sliced through South-east pier causing damage estimated at £2 million, is to be taken to court.

The Kingsabbey ploughed through the pier, taking with her two support shops and part of a lavatory.

Mr Boyd, aged 43, of Bexleyheath, south-east London, will appear at Grays Magistrates' Court in Essex on September 17 to face charges of navigating without due care and attention, or in a manner likely to injure or endanger persons and other vessels and structures above the high-water level.

He is also charged with being the master of a vessel which failed to comply with directions relating to the use of the automatic pilot and for allegedly failing to maintain a proper lookout.

Powers for police to evict mass trespassers

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

New powers for police and more effective legal action by landowners are contained in a combined government strategy against mass trespass announced yesterday.

The strategy arises from the mass invasions of land by hippies earlier this year.

Ministers are drawing up detailed proposals on new police powers to evict trespassers, which are promised for the report stage in the Lords of the Public Order Bill. Action would be set off by a refusal to leave on request, a

risk of causing serious damage to property, and harassment or intimidation of the lawful occupier.

At present trespass is not a criminal offence. The Government has in mind a back-up offence, if the trespasser refused to obey police instructions to leave.

Concerted action to identify potential trespassers in travelling groups so that preventive legal moves can be made, is recommended also in advice yesterday to farmers and landowners by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

The ministry says joint tactics of that kind are particularly useful where trespassers are evicted from one piece of land in the area and try to find an alternative nearby site.

The use of siege moves is supported: "You may take reasonable steps to prevent entry by trespassers on to your land by blocking the entrances to fields, but you must take care not to obstruct any rights of way."

But the ministry gives a warning to landowners not to use force, although the law permits reasonable force to be used to remove trespassers. "Use of excessive force could result in civil or criminal

proceedings being taken against you," it says.

One of the difficulties of enforcing a High Court order for possession is that a payment of costs may be granted, but only against named defendants. Enforcement is carried out by officers of the under-sheriff in whose area the land is.

"A fee is payable to the under-sheriff for enforcement, as well as his charges, depending on the number of men and amount of equipment he needs," the advice says.

The advice, prepared with the help of the Country Landowners' Association and the National Farmers' Union,

is designed to help farmers to make the best use of the civil procedures available when faced with mass trespass, either to prevent it or regain possession of their land.

It covers action required before the trespassers arrive, application for a county or High Court injunction to prevent the trespass, and proceedings in the High and county courts to recover possession.

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The world ponders Gorbachov's initiative on arms race

US sees Soviet problems as aid to summit outcome

From Michael Binyon
Washington

President Reagan let slip a revealing remark the other day when asked about the prospects for success at a summit with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov. "I'm optimistic that we're going to make more progress than probably has been made in a number of years, because of some of the problems that are concerning the General Secretary at this time," he said.

The Administration is convinced that those problems are pressing, and lie behind the Soviet leader's new flexibility, his recent initiatives in arms control and his attempts to give a new direction to Soviet foreign policy.

Soviet specialists here insist that the Soviet Union's economic problems are already grave and are worsening, with the sharp drop in oil prices seriously reducing Soviet hard currency earnings.

They say that Mr Gorbachov's economic reforms and attempts to get his country moving will not be possible if the present high level of arms spending increases.

They believe that he has to create some dynamism and to show a success in foreign affairs if he is to consolidate his power and overcome the negative effects of Chernobyl.

President Reagan clearly believes these analysts. But within his Administration there are serious disagreements over how the US should take best advantage of Mr Gorbachov's difficulties.

The hardliners, whose influence is waning but who are by no means a spent force, have often argued that the US should tighten the screw, especially now, forcing the Russians to change their bad old ways and to undertake genuine reform at home.

They opposed the offer of subsidized grain to the Soviet Union. They would like America now to "hang tough" in arms negotiations, especially over the Strategic

Defence Initiative, knowing that the Russians cannot afford a new arms race.

The pragmatists have argued the exact opposite. They say that driving the Russian bear into a corner could have dangerous and unpredictable results.

Instead the US should take advantage of Soviet flexibility to seek genuine verifiable arms agreements, draw the Soviet Union back into a more stable and co-operative relationship and set a pattern for regular consultations.

Mr Reagan, who clearly wants a summit, is now inclined to take the latter advice. But he has been somewhat vexed by Mr Gorbachov's frequent new initiatives, which have not allowed the Americans to take the negotiating advantage.

He said that the Soviet Union produced about 300 inter-continental ballistic missiles a year to maintain a force of about 1,400 operational missiles. This was because the liquid-fuelled rockets had a life of about five years, whereas a new generation of solid-fuelled rockets would have a storage life of 10 or even 15 years.

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propane, warning their allies and Western opinion not to be duped by Moscow's constant attempts to split the Nato alliance.

Unlike the disharmony of two years ago, US arms control policies have been more closely co-ordinated with Nato allies, despite disagreements on Salt 2 and the interpretation of the 1972 anti-ballistic missile treaty. There is therefore less worry that new Soviet offers will throw the West into disarray again.

But now the battle seems to have moved on to home territory, with Congress playing an increasingly assertive role in arms control and foreign policy issues.

President Reagan has been agitated at recent moves by the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives to link funds for the Pentagon to specific arms control measures.

He complained that such votes were undermining his delegates at Geneva, and that Congress was giving away what Mr Gorbachov could not win at the negotiating table.

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Nobel men unite in support for Darwin

From Michael Binyon
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The monkey trials are back in court. Nobel Prize-winners and scientific organizations have urged the US Supreme Court to throw out a Louisiana law that would require schools to teach "creation science" as well as evolution.

To the latest twist to a battle that has raged through the pulpits and schools of the old South ever since Charles Darwin published his treatise, America's scientific community has taken up arms against its latest fundamentalist attempt to balance the monkeys with the angels.

What Louisiana calls "creation science" is not science but religion, they maintain - the Genesis story retold in pseudo-scientific terms.

The laureates include almost all the living Americans with Nobel awards. They are believed to form the largest such group brought together in support of a cause.

The Supreme Court agreed earlier this year to hear an appeal in the case, after two lower courts declared unconstitutional the Louisiana law, passed in 1981, to "balance" the teaching of evolution.

Picasso painting found unharmed

Melbourne (Reuter) - Picasso's "Weeping Woman", stolen from the Victorian National Gallery 16 days ago, has been found in a railway station locker after an anonymous telephone tip-off.

A group calling itself "Australian Cultural Terrorists" had claimed responsibility for the theft of the £1 million work.

The gallery director, Mr Patrick McCaughey, was with police when they removed the 1937 oil painting from the locker and confirmed that it was the missing Picasso. It had not been damaged.

Friends again

London - Britain and Guatemala have renewed diplomatic relations at consular level after a five-year break arising from the Central American state's claim to territory of the neighbouring former British colony of Belize.

Defence chief

Moscow (Reuter) - The former commander of Soviet troops in East Germany, General Pyotr Lushev, whose appointment as a First Deputy Defence Minister emerged at the weekend, has replaced Marshal Vasily Tretov, who worked without portfolio.

Strike broken

Perth (Reuter) - More than 300 sacked workers have ended their occupation of a giant natural gas rig after having been threatened with heavy fines. They began leaving by helicopter.

Militant free

Washington (AP) - Mr Stokely Carmichael, the former American black militant, has been released from jail in Guinea after three days of detention.

Nuclear tour

Hong Kong (Reuter) - A left-wing Hong Kong newspaper, *Wen Wei Po*, is organizing tours to the site of the proposed nuclear power plant at Daya Bay, 30 miles inside China, which has alarmed many citizens.

Death leap

Philadelphia (AP) - Robert McPeake, a defendant in a rape case, bolted across a courtroom, dived through a window and plunged six floors to his death as the jury was returning a guilty verdict.

Mine trap

Managua (AFP) - Seven civilians died and three others were injured when their vehicle ran over a mine believed to have been planted by Contra guerrillas fighting the Sandinista Government.

Rural view

Peking (Reuter) - Thirty million rural households in China - nearly one in nine - have television, according to a report to a conference.

TV break

Port Moresby (Reuter) - The Papua New Guinea Government rushed new laws through Parliament to prevent the introduction of television into the South Pacific country until January 1988.

Sun power

Moscow (AFP) - A new solar energy oven near Kiev, the Ukrainian city contaminated by fallout from the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, is about to start baking bread and pastries, turning out loaves in 20 to 25 minutes and baking pastries in 16 to 18 minutes.

Old bones

Prague (AP) - A grave with three skeletons, estimated to be about 25,000 years old, has been discovered at Dolni Vestonice in southern Moravia.

Seeing red

Brussels (Reuter) - A bull that charged a bright red fire-engine in Dorpost, in north-west Belgium, caused £5,000 damage.



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Bonn hails test ban extension

Bonn (Reuter) - West Germany's Foreign Minister, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, welcomed yesterday the Soviet Union's extension of its nuclear test moratorium until January 1, and said that the move could be a useful step towards a complete ban on atomic testing.

Mr Gorbachov's address showed that the Russians were interested in arms control negotiations and in a meeting with Mr Reagan, he said.

"It is important now that contacts between the Americans and the Soviet Union lead to a closer approximation of views on verification," he said.

"We would be happy if an agreement on a comprehensive test ban could be reached at a summit."

Herr Volker Ruehe, defence spokesman for Chancellor Kohl's Christian Democratic Union, also welcomed Mr Gorbachov's proposal, and said he hoped that the West would respond constructively.

SDI warning puzzles experts

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

US defence analysts are puzzled by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's enigmatic warning that if necessary Moscow would respond to President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) programme by making the whole of it "pointless and useless".

On Monday the Soviet leader said on Moscow television that the Kremlin would find an answer to SDI and that it would not be "the kind of answer that the US is expecting".

American experts have been examining closely what counter-measures the Soviet Union could take.

Possibilities that Moscow might consider could include depressed-trajectory missiles; fast boosters which burn in about 75 seconds instead of four minutes; and coating missiles with heat-resisting material. Such measures would make the task of SDI weapons in shooting down incoming missiles much more difficult.

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Fugitive's expulsion is blocked

From Martha Honey
San Jose

A Briton wanted by Scotland Yard in connection with the £26 million Brinks-Mat robbery in 1983 remains in jail here after his lawyer blocked his deportation with a legal manoeuvre.

Costa Rican authorities had hoped to deport Mr John Robert Fleming, aged 45, to Miami on Monday night, but Señor Mario Ayala Torres, his lawyer, argued before the Supreme Court here that his arrest was illegal and demanded that he be released immediately.

Immigration authorities suspended the expulsion order pending a judicial decision, but they continued to keep Mr Fleming under arrest in an undisclosed location.

Costa Rica has no extradition treaty with Britain, but has a policy of deporting undesirable foreigners. From Miami fugitives can be legally extradited to Britain.

Pretoria detainees could total 12,000

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The 8,500 people named in Parliament on Monday by the South African Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, as having been detained under the State of Emergency include only those held for more than 30 days; the total number of detainees could be much higher.

A spokesman for the Repression Monitoring Group in Cape Town, one of several independent bodies keeping a tally of detentions, said yesterday that the total number held since the emergency was declared on June 12 could be as high as 12,000.

The Government's decision to table the names in Parliament was out the result of political pressure but was to comply with a little-noticed clause in the Public Safety Act, under which the emergency was declared.

detainees who had completed 30 days in jail.

The reason the names were not tabled in Parliament sooner was because the legislature went into recess less than two weeks after the emergency was declared, and resumed its sitting only on Monday.

In fact, for some weeks several newspapers have been printing lists of people known to be in detention. The papers argued that the Government's statement that the detainees' next-of-kin were always informed amounted to "official disclosure".

The lists throw little light on the number still in detention. Nor is any information given on the age, place of arrest, length of detention, occupation or political affiliation of detainees. Only the bare letter of the law has been complied with.

What does appear to be clear is that the rate of arrests is far higher than during the previous period of State of Emergency from July 21, 1985, to March 7 this year when, according to police figures, 7,996 people, 2,100 of them under the age of 16, were detained.

On the basis of the limited data released by the Government, it would seem that more people have been detained during the first two months of the present emergency than during the whole 7½ months of the last one.

Museveni strengthens Libyan economic ties

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Uganda is strengthening its links with Libya, which is believed to be offering substantial economic aid in order to strengthen its influence in East Africa.

President Museveni of Uganda flew to Tripoli on Monday with his finance, planning and energy ministers and the governor of the Bank of Uganda.

The trip was not announced in advance, but coincided with a near-doubling of the local price of petrol, a measure necessitated by Uganda's high inflation.

Kampala sources say that they expect Libya to offer oil to Uganda on easy terms in order to ease the country's balance of payments problems.

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King Birendra of Nepal, right, lighting a peace torch in Kathmandu yesterday. The torch will be taken as far as possible up the Mt Everest route followed by the climbers H. L. Mallory and J. Irvine in 1924 to commemorate the United Nations International Year of Peace. Looking on at left is Sherpa Nawang Yongden, the first Nepalese to climb the world's highest peak during winter.

Bank workers held in £5m shares fraud

Stockholm (AP) - Four people have been arrested in what may be Sweden's largest bank coup: the stealing and selling and stealing again of forestry shares worth up to £5.3 million.

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From Ian Murray
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Israel has begun a new attempt to rid itself of its most embarrassing and tenacious community of illegal immigrants, the Black Hebrews. Hunger and the reputation of American-organized crime are now proving allies of the law in tackling a problem which has refused to go away in the 17 years since the first members of the cult arrived to claim a rightful place in what they insisted was their Kingdom of Israel.

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While research went on into their background, they were granted three-month tourist visas and allocated flats in the Negev development town of Dimona. The visas expired, but they stayed on. And a few hundred more arrived as tourists from the United States.

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BARCLAYS

EEC butter mountain reaches record peak as dairies exceed quota

From Jonathan Brande, Brussels

The EEC butter mountain has reached new heights over the past few weeks, topping 1.3 million tonnes for the first time as dairies sell more and more unwanted butter to EEC stores.

Figures released by the European Commission in Brussels yesterday show that publicly-owned stores of surplus butter totalled 1,358,000 tonnes at the end of July, an increase of 30,000 tonnes in the space of a month.

EEC dairy committee figures show that stocks have continued to rise since then and reached 1,363,000 tonnes by August 14.

Meanwhile, stocks stored privately by dairies with the aid of EEC subsidies have been rising even faster, bringing the total butter stockpile to 1.4 million tonnes by the middle of this month. Privately-held butter stocks are

increasing at a rate of more than 6,000 tonnes a week.

At the same time, milk powder stocks have also been rising inexorably. By August 14 they topped a million tonnes, more than double the amount of a year ago.

Ironically, the increase in stocks comes at a time when the introduction of milk production quotas has cut EEC milk output by more than six million tonnes a year, although farmers have exceeded production quotas this year for the first time since they were introduced in 1984.

Mr Carlo Trojan, chief adviser to the EEC agriculture commissioner, has recently blamed the increase in stocks on shrinking export markets.

While EEC farmers have cut milk production, he told an EEC dairy trade conference in May, the United States, Australia, New Zealand and

the Nordic countries, the Community's Market's main competitors on the dairy market, have increased their share of world exports.

In an attempt to win back markets and to reduce stocks, the EEC recently announced measures, including special cut-price offers to the Soviet Union, India and the Middle East of butter for use as calf feed at the equivalent of 2.5 pence a half-pound packet.

Consumers have also benefited from sales of cheap "concentrated" butter for cooking, while food processors have been tempted to replace vegetable oils with butter and milk-powder.

But EEC stores still represent an attractive guaranteed market for surplus produce, and the dairy policy continues to account for almost a quarter of the EEC's agricultural budget.

Moscow angry at Jewish claims

Moscow (Reuter) - The Soviet Union has no plans for further talks with Israel after Monday's first meeting in Helsinki between the two countries for almost 20 years, the Soviet Foreign Ministry said yesterday.

Mr Gennady Gerasimov, a ministry spokesman, accused Israel of "unjustifiable interference" on the issue of Soviet Jewry. He said there would be no more discussion of consular ties with Israel after the 90-minute talks.

His statement contrasted sharply with a comment on Monday by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Foreign Minister, who described the Helsinki talks as a good beginning of dialogue with Moscow.

Violence engulfs Bhutto stronghold

From Michael Hamlyn Thano Adam, Pakistan

Men of Pakistan's Baluch Regiment in machine-gunned order last night to this little agricultural town 150 miles into the interior of Sind province, north of Karachi, after two days of violence and counter-violence by rival political groups.

On Monday, after the call of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) of Miss Benazir Bhutto to start protests at her arrest, a mob 2,000 strong assembled at the crossroads and began a programme of mayhem.

When the police came to disperse it, the crowd itself opened fire with Kalashnikovs and shotguns. Two policemen were killed on the spot and one was seriously injured. The police opened fire in return, wounding a number of demonstrators.

The protesters scattered, took to the rooftops and began sniping at police, while bands of 200 or so began systematically burning government property. They burnt the offices of the national bank, the water and power development authority, three shops, and an Urdu school.

The violence mirrored events taking place elsewhere in the province, which is the stronghold of Miss Bhutto's party.

In several towns and villages angry mobs burnt banks and other buildings. They blocked the main "super highway" from Karachi to neighbouring Punjab with



A supporter of Miss Bhutto comes in for rough treatment from police in Karachi yesterday.

trees, and at one place burst open a small reservoir and flooded the road.

The main Karachi-Lahore railway was cut in ten places by crowds who simply unscrewed the fishplates, removed the rails and burnt the sleepers.

Yesterday in Thano Adam the inhabitants were bitterly counting the cost. Like many interior Sind towns the population is largely Urdu-speaking, and not indigenous Sindhi. They are Mohajirs, those immigrants (or their children) who crossed into

Pakistan at the time of Partition in 1947.

Among the Mohajirs support for the authoritarian rule of General Zia ul-Haq (who was himself born in what is now Indian Punjab) runs strongly.

The inhabitants bitterly resented the PPP attacks on their town on Monday, which they said were carried out by Sindhi-speaking outsiders from the villages around.

So yesterday another mob rampaged through the town, this time shouting slogans like "Zia zindabad, Benazir marhabad" ("Long live Zia, death to Benazir"). They set fire to a paint store owned by a known PPP supporter, which blazed with a fierce ardour, and thick

Israel and Egypt play snap over arbitrators

From Ian Murray Jerusalem

On the neutral ground of Geneva, Israeli and Egyptian negotiators are playing a diplomatic game of snap. The aim of the game is to agree on the international arbitrators who will decide which of the two countries has sovereign rights over the border resort of Taba on the Gulf of Aqaba.

The rules have been agreed with the United States, which is acting as referee. The players must choose three people whom both countries will accept as impartial in resolving the complicated dispute, with its references to the Ottoman Empire, Lawrence of Arabia, the British Mandate in Palestine and the series of wars in the area since Israel came into being in 1948.

The United States has given each country a secret list of 30 names. It is rumored that it includes such figures as Dr Henry Kissinger, but nobody on the list has been told that his or her name is on it.

Each country is now handing in to the Americans a choice of names from the list. Neither side knows which the other has chosen, nor do the Americans say which names they have been given. But as soon as a name appears on both lists that person is chosen automatically.

So far each side has nominated six people, but none of them coincides. When they eventually do, the arbitration agreement between the two countries will at last be ready for signing and a meeting between Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, and President Mubarak of Egypt will be arranged.

The "cold peace" which has continued between the two countries since the Camp David agreements were signed in 1978 is expected to warm up and the stalled Middle East peace process could well get under way again.

The stakes in this particular session of snap must be among the highest in the history of the game.

CHICAGO: US authorities are said to be investigating an attempt by Israeli military officers to steal plans for a sophisticated airborne spy camera system from a US defence plant (AP reports).

The Chicago Tribune, citing government officials, said that the US Customs Service was investigating the theft attempt. ABC News has carried a similar report, but Customs officials would not comment yesterday.

Security officers at Recon-Optical in Barrington, Illinois, stopped three Israeli Air Force officers as they were leaving the plant on May 27 and confiscated 50,000 pages of technical drawings and notes handwritten in Hebrew, the newspaper reported.

Recon had filed a lawsuit in New York accusing the Israelis of having tried to steal the technology used in a secret aerial reconnaissance system that was being developed for Israel by Recon, the newspaper said.

Mr Jeffrey Fillman, a New York City lawyer who represents Israel, said that the accusation was false.



black smoke. Two other shops belonging to PPP men were also broken into before the police and the Army came on the scene.

For a time the forces of law and order seemed content to stand by and let the pro-government mob get on with its destructive games, but the local magistrate, Mr Muhammad Ibrahim Memon, urged them into action, yelling: "Go and arrest them. Arrest them."

Last night the town stirred uneasily under a tightly-imposed curfew.

Mr Muhammad Shah Anzori, Karachi convenor of the ten-party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD), yesterday emerged from hiding to give a press conference in the city, in which he said that at least 25 people had died since the start of the disturbances on Pakistan's Independence Day last Thursday.

20 killed by car bomb in Tehran rush hour

Tehran (Reuter) - Twenty people were killed and many others wounded when a car bomb exploded in a busy square in central Tehran yesterday, Tehran Radio said.

The blast ripped through morning rush-hour traffic in Ferdowsi Square, shattering windows of nearby buildings and setting ablaze several vehicles.

Some of the casualties were on a passing bus caught in the blast, the deadliest bomb attack reported in Iran this year.

The radio accused "American agents" of having planted the bomb in a Jiyaa car, the locally built version of a Citroen 2CV.

Informed sources cited by Irna, the Iranian news agency, said the device contained more than 50 lb of TNT and was detonated by a timer.

Four previous explosions have claimed five lives in Tehran this year, and a car bomb blast killed 13 and wounded about 100 in the holy city of Qom, in central Iran, on Saturday.

Tehran newspapers said that several suspects had been arrested in connection with the Qom explosion.

LONDON: The Mujahedin Khatu, an Iranian left-wing opposition group, said it condemned "any form of bombing in public places causing the deaths of innocent people" and denied an involvement with recent explosions.

"By relating such acts of terrorism to the People's Mujahedin, the (Tehran) regime seeks to pave the way for the execution of yet more political prisoners," it said.

Vatican bars professor

From Michael Binyon Washington

The Vatican has stripped an American professor who challenged Church teaching on abortion and contraception of his right to teach theology at a Roman Catholic university here or at any other pontifical institution.

A Vatican announcement said that the dissent of Father Charles Curran (right) over sexual ethics made him no longer "suitable or eligible to teach Catholic theology".

The decision, approved by the Pope on July 10, comes after six years of sometimes heated negotiation between Father Curran and the Church.

On several occasions he has publicly and emphatically refused Vatican demands that he retract dissenting positions on such issues as divorce, abortion, contraception and pre-marital sex.



The action was announced on Monday evening by Archbishop James Hickey of Washington, Chancellor of the university.

Father Curran, who was support from the Catholic Theological Society of America, may stay on the university staff in a position not directly under the Archbishop's control.



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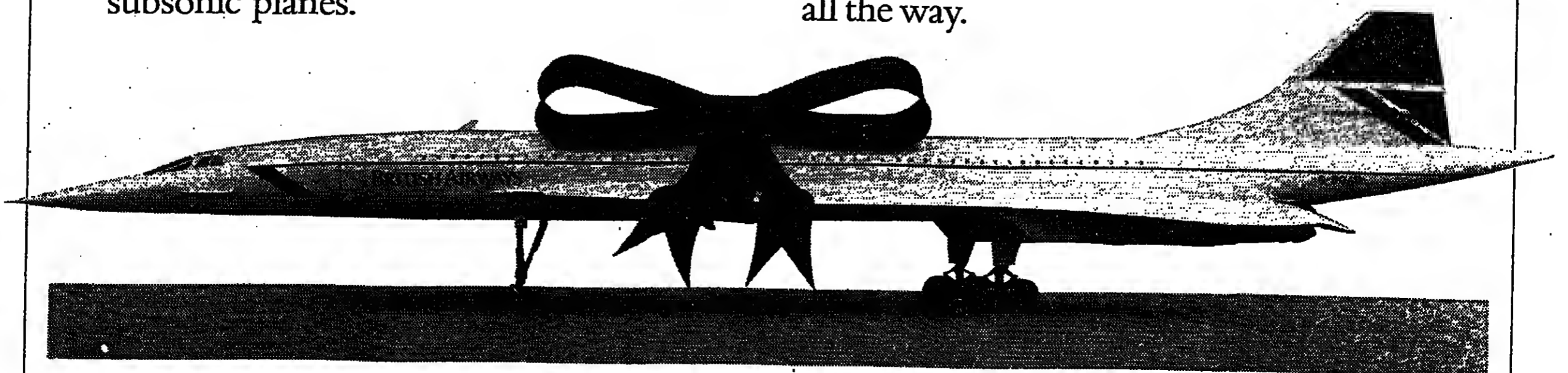
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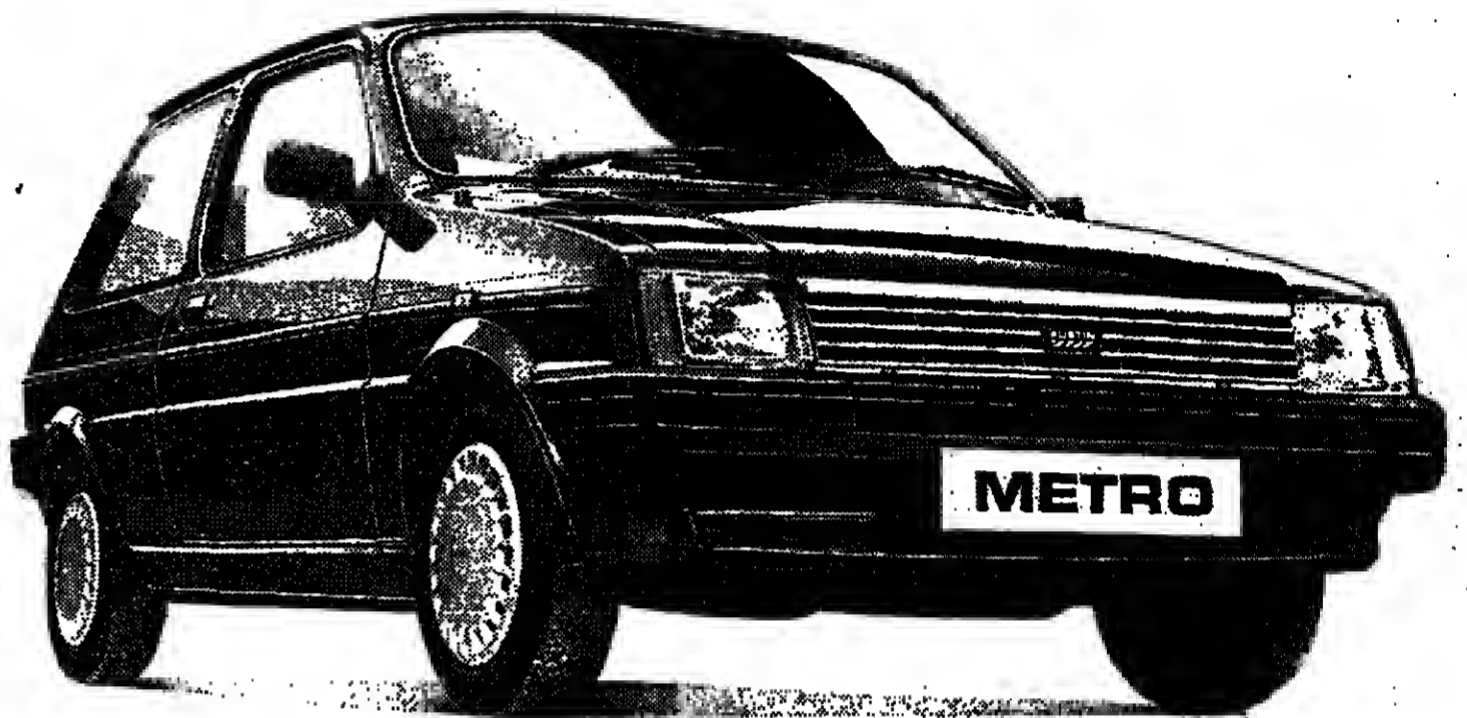
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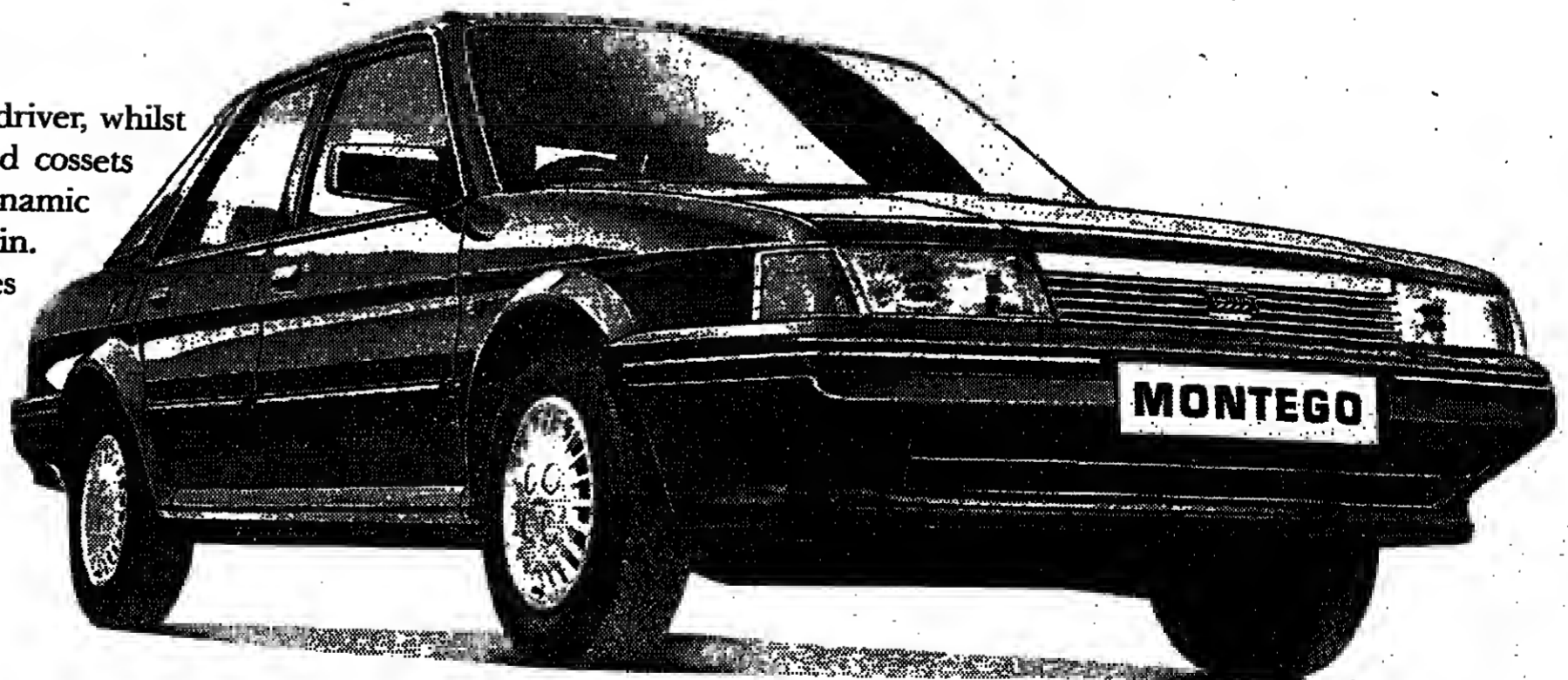


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SPECTRUM I

Stacking the odds against a test ban

America has made an average of four nuclear warheads every day for 40 years. But, as Keith Hindley explains, many scientists think Washington's coolness towards the Gorbachov call for a test moratorium is justified

At first sight, the scene could be from any western. The morning sun lights the bluff rocks of the mesa walls. Only scrawny grass, yucca, mesquite and Joshua trees sprout on the arid valley floor. An eagle circles while, far off, dust from a group of mustangs drifts away. The distant mountains already shimmer as the crushing heat builds.

A closer look reveals several square miles pock-marked with hundreds of small craters and criss-crossed with dirt roads. Diggers, trucks, drilling rigs and temporary buildings are everywhere - but this is no civilian construction site. Yucca Flat, Nevada, is where the United States's nuclear weapons are tested, and in recent years business has been booming.

At 8.30 every morning, more than 9,000 people start work here. They include scientists, engineers and armed security guards but most are construction workers preparing fresh shafts for upcoming "shots" or "bogies".

The United States explodes about 15 big nuclear devices every year (up from eight a year in the 1970s) along with perhaps a dozen small battlefield weapons. And the rate is rising. In all, the US Department of Energy spends \$2 million a day (about £1.3 million) to run the Yucca Flat test site.

Responsibility for the design, development and production of nuclear warheads lies mainly with the US Department of Energy (DoE). Bombs are designed at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California and the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico.

The political influence that the resultant gigantic - and autonomous - nuclear industry generates is so great that many politicians and scientists believe that Ameri-



Nuclear state: Nevada outlines the risk of straying into the Yucca Flat testing ground, America's atomic backyard

sensors record the bomb explosion in the few milliseconds of a second before they are destroyed. Gases are snuffed through tubes buried with the cables and the heart of the explosion is drilled to study the chemical traces.

An increasing number of tests involve tunnels driven into Rainier Mesa, overlooking Yucca Flat. Small battlefield bombs are tested in this way, buried except for a tapered steel pipe, 10in across near the bomb but 14ft across at the entrance. As the bomb explodes, a pulse of magnetic waves and radiation passes along the tube before it seals.

Recent research suggests that such pulses could disable modern micro-electronics and so military equipment can be checked and "hardened" against damage.

The two weapons laboratories are run by the University of California for the Department of Energy. Bubbling with pride and new schemes, they attract brilliant young physicists and boast high-powered computing

facilities. They also have little time for any kind of nuclear test ban.

"Right now, the nuclear weapons programme is more exciting to work in than I've ever known it", says Paul Robinson, a principal associate director at Los Alamos.

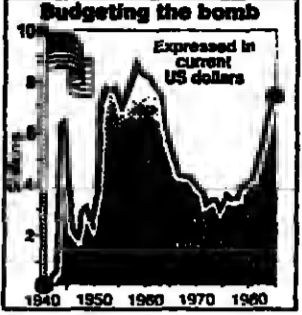
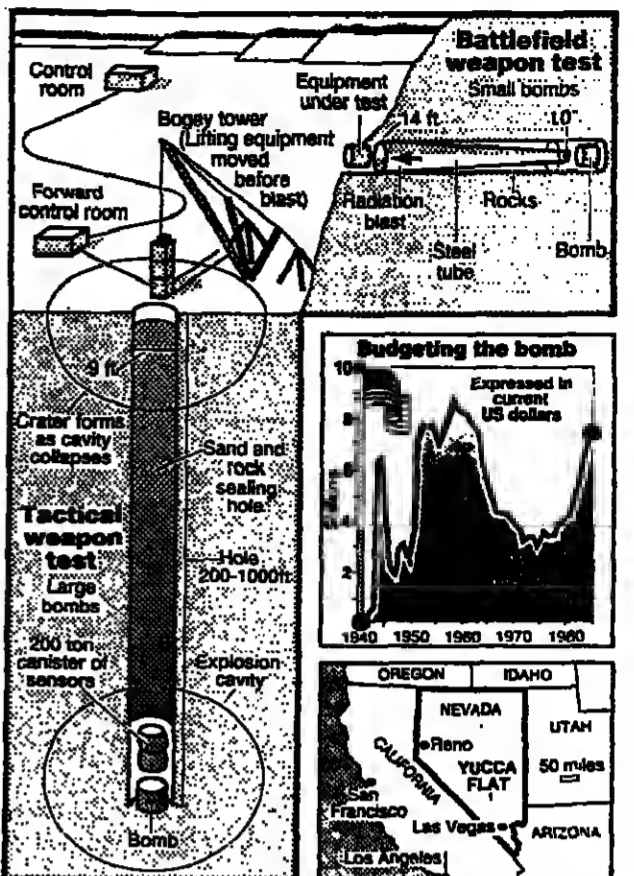
"There are lots of new ideas being looked at in offensive uses, defence and defence suppression. A comprehensive test ban would prohibit our most important experiments. As experimentalists we

would have little productive research to do. A ban is the wrong way to go. It distracts from the real aim of reducing the stockpiles of nuclear weapons".

In terms of physics, the research is undoubtedly fascinating. Nuclear explosions generate conditions that cannot be duplicated in the laboratory. Bombs produce blast, heat and radiation, and a warhead optimizing whatever factors are required can now be designed.

Stockpiled nuclear weapons deteriorate like any munitions. The Polaris Mk 1 warhead suffered corrosion of its uranium charge and problems with arming mechanisms. The conventional explosive charge in the Poseidon warhead suffered crumbling of its nuclear charges.

Problems like deterioration make testing essential, according to many experts. But their views are not shared by every-



one. A group of prominent American physicists is adamant that continued nuclear testing is unnecessary. "Such explosions", says Nobel laureate Hans Bethe, "have never revealed problems that did not show up during non-nuclear tests and maintenance".

repeatedly convinced politicians over the years that high technology can provide national security; that technological solutions to the arms race are a better bet than political solutions through negotiations", DeWitt says.

"Many new ideas for Star Wars originated here at Livermore. This race is damaging both superpowers economically and can only sow distrust. The risks are too great".

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Detainee release cheers Zapu

Harare inches towards unity

From a Correspondent, Harare

The sudden release from detention on Monday of 10 prominent Zimbabweans accused of plotting to overthrow the Government has made clear that the Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe, is serious about concluding long-stalled unity talks between his ruling Zanu party and the Zapu party of the opposition leader, Mr Joshua Nkomo.

Mr Mugabe also promised to review the cases of all those detained under security laws or held for "political" crimes. Hundreds of Mr Nkomo's supporters qualify for such a review. Some of them, Mr Mugabe said, could be released almost immediately.

Mr Nkomo was not available for comment yesterday,

but another influential Zapu official said that something akin to Mr Mugabe's gesture had been sought since the two groups began discussing unity last year.

"Zanu's attitude now is one of peace... unity is just a matter of time, possibly a very short time," said the Zapu official, who asked not to be identified.

There is speculation that an agreement could even be concluded before the eighth summit of the 101-nation Non-Aligned Movement, which begins in Harare under Mr Mugabe's chairmanship a week today.

The men just released include three Zimbabwe National Army brigadiers and

four of Mr Nkomo's most trusted party officials. But noticeably absent from their ranks is Mr Dumiso Dabengwa, Mr Nkomo's Soviet-trained intelligence chief during the Rhodesian war and the only man thought capable of taking over leadership of the minority Ndebele tribe that is Zapu's power base once "the old man" steps down.

He has been behind bars since 1982, despite his acquittal in a Harare High Court the following year of charges that he had plotted a coup.

Mr Dabengwa is distrusted - some say feared - by many in Zanu. His release could be the last act before a unity agreement, or the epilogue immediately following a deal.

UN fear on Cambodia refugees

Bangkok (Reuters) - Countries which have promised to resettle refugees cannot meet Thailand's deadline at the end of the year for moving 26,000 Cambodians out of a camp it wants to close, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Mr Gerald Walker, the UNHCR representative in Thailand, says that 5,000 Cambodians at most might be settled this year. Thailand said in June that it would close Khao I Dang camp, near the Thai-Cambodia border, at the end of the year and send remaining refugees to join in temporary border camps the 250,000 Cambodians not eligible for resettlement.

The camp's closure and the removal of the refugees was not definite, he said. Thailand, the UNHCR and resettlement countries would continue to search for a durable solution for Khao I Dang's population. Thailand has been the country of first asylum for most refugees from Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos since the 1975 communist takeovers.

Since 1975, the United States has resettled about a million refugees. More than 140,000 Cambodians have been given new homes abroad since Khao I Dang camp was opened in 1979.

Thailand considers Indo-Chinese refugees both an economic and security burden and has tried to discourage them by giving refugee status only to clear-cut political refugees or those with sponsors abroad.

Aquino ends sweep after families flee

From Keith Dalton, Manila

President Aquino yesterday suspended military operations against Communist rebels in a southern Philippines town in which six civilians have died in the crossfire and from which 1,000 families have fled.

Her suspension order, the first she has so far issued, followed the warning of the Political Affairs Minister, Mr Antonio Cuenco, that military actions in eight villages near Calamba town, 480 miles south of Manila, were "causing displacement and hardship".

About 6,000 people had fled their homes and were sheltering in the town centre. He said that six refugees had died.

Some of the victims were hit by military mortar fire directed against hideouts of the

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A spokesman said that the action did not indicate a "crisis".

Sikh kills 13 of family over extremist link

Delhi (AP) - A Sikh man killed 13 members of his family, including eight children, in Uttar Pradesh because they opposed his alleged links with Sikh terrorists.

The United News of India reported yesterday that Mr Gurmit Singh attacked his family with a sword on Sunday night after drinking with an unidentified friend, who is said to be an extremist and to have helped in the killing.

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SPECTRUM II



THE HARVEST OF SORROW

By Robert Conquest

Part Three: The Cover-Up

Stalin's slaughter of the Soviet peasantry took place under an umbrella of lies so effective that even most Western reporters either could not or would not convey its significance. Others, like Sidney and Beatrice Webb, became apologists. And the terror sent an echo down the years which even today haunts the Kremlin's corridors.



"They had gone over the country like a swarm of locusts and taken away everything edible": carts taking away grain

As silent as the grave

Stalin had a profound grasp of what Hitler approvingly called the Big Lie, and the terror famine with which he killed millions in the Ukraine and other regions in the early 1930s was the first major instance of the exercise of this technique of influencing public opinion. Every effort was made to persuade the West that no famine was taking place, and later that none had taken place.

Even in 1932 it was not feasible to keep all foreigners out of the famine areas, and a number of true accounts reached western Europe and America. In most cases, journalists could not but keep their visas and reveal the facts, although Malcolm Muggeridge, who sent some of his reports and notes through the British diplomatic bag, reported: "The battlefields is as desolate as in any war and stretches wider... on the one side, millions of starving peasants, their bodies often swollen from lack of food; on the other, soldier members of OGPU carrying out the instructions of the dictatorship of the proletariat."

"They had gone over the country like a swarm of locusts and taken away everything edible; they had shot or exiled thousands of peasants, sometimes whole villages; they had reduced some of the most fertile land in the world to a melancholy desert." In the Soviet Union, no word about the famine was allowed to appear in the Press or elsewhere. People who referred to it were subject to arrest for anti-Soviet propaganda, usually being sentenced to five or more years in labour camps.

In 1933 a soldier serving in Fedosya in the Crimea received a letter from his wife, describing the deaths of neighbours and their child. The political officer seized the letter and next day had the soldier denounced it as a forgery. The wife and son did not survive. One agronomist, bullied for sending a sick messenger, replied that the whole village was starving. The response was: "There is no starvation in the Soviet Union."

Arthur Koestler, who was in Kharkov in 1932-33, wrote that it gave him a most unusual feeling to read the local papers, full of pictures of young people smiling under banners and reports of awards to shock-brigades, but "not

one word about the local famine, epidemics, the dying out of whole villages... the enormous land was covered with a blanket of silence".

Outside the Soviet Union, the denials were hot and strong. The Soviet embassy in Washington claimed that the Ukraine's population had increased by 2 per cent per annum during the early 1930s, and that it had the lowest death-rate of any Soviet republic.

Stalin was also abetted by many Westerners who for one reason or another wished to deceive or be deceived. In the huge work - *Soviet Communism: A New Civilization?* by Sidney and Beatrice Webb, which followed their visit to the Soviet Union in 1932 and 1933 - one finds the general hostility to the peasantry matching that of the Bolsheviks. The Webbs wrote of the peasants "characteristic vices of greed and

DEATH TOLL	
Peasant dead, 1930-37	11 million
Arrested in this period, dying in camps later	3.5 million
Total	14.5 million
Of these:	
Dead as a result of dekulakization	6.5 million
Dead in the 1932-3 famine	
Ukraine	5 million
N Caucasus	1 million
elsewhere	1 million

cunning, varied by outbursts of drunkenness and recurrent periods of sloth". They also spoke approvingly of turning these backward characters "into public spirited co-operators, working upon a prescribed plan for the common product to be equitably shared among themselves".

In a significant statement at the time, M.M. Khaiaevich, a leading Communist, told a party activist: "A ruthless struggle is going on between the peasantry and our regime. It's a struggle to the death. This year was a test of our strength and their endurance. It took a famine to show them who is master here. It has cost millions of lives, but the collective farm system is here to stay. We've won the war."

With the "victory" won, however, Moscow realized that the disastrous agricultural situation could hardly be

allowed to go on indefinitely. In February 1933, a "seed subsidy" was authorized for the next harvest, with 325,000 tons to go to the Ukraine. In the following month the grain collection in the Ukraine was officially halted at last.

The debilitated peasantry were now launched on a new harvest campaign. Neither they nor their surviving horses were capable of hard labour, yet the Ukrainian government called for harder work. The sowing of 1933 was accomplished in various ways. The inadequate local work force was supplemented from outside. Students and others from the towns were "mobilized" to reap the harvest and army squads were sent to help. In one village, where the whole population had either died or left, troops were kept in tents away from the village and told, as others had been, that there had been an epidemic.

The central fact of the whole famine is that the Soviet Union's total grain crop for 1932 was no worse than that of 1931, and was only 15 per cent below the 1926-30 average. It was from famine level, but procurements were up by 44 per cent. There was no way in which local readjustments could have prevented the crisis and the famine; and it can be blamed quite unequivocally on Stalin and the Moscow leadership.

There has never been an official investigation of the rural terror in the Ukraine and neighbouring territories in 1930-33; no statement on the loss of human life has been issued; nor have the archives been opened to independent researchers. Nevertheless, we are in a position to make reasonably sound estimates of the numbers who died.

The casualty rate varied considerably by area and even village, from 10 per cent to 100 per cent. In villages of 3,000 to 4,000 people (Orivka, Smolanka, Hrabivka), fewer than 100 were left.

Nowadays the term "genocide" is often used rhetorically, but it certainly appears that such a charge can be levelled against the Soviet Union for its actions in the Ukraine.

It was Nikolai Bukharin's view that the worst result of the events of 1930-33 was not so much the sufferings of the peasantry, frightful though these were. It was the "deep change in the

psychological outlook of those Communists who participated in this campaign and, instead of going mad, became professional bureaucrats for whom terror was henceforth a normal method of administration, and obedience to any order from above a high virtue", diagnosing "a real dehumanization of the people working in the Soviet apparatus".

The main lesson seems to be that the Communist ideology provided the motivation for an unprecedented massacre of men, women and children, and that this ideology, perhaps a set-piece theory, turned out to be a primitive and schematic approach to matters far too complex for it. Sacrifices of millions of people were made and they were in vain.

The question of whether the present leaders of the Soviet Union would be willing to kill tens of millions of foreigners in a war, or suffer a loss of

The present rulers are heirs of that dreadful history

millions of their own subjects, is sometimes canvassed. The fact that the older leaders were direct accomplices in the actual killing of millions of Ukrainians and others in order to establish the political and social order prescribed by their doctrine, and that the young leaders still justify the procedure, may perhaps be regarded as not without some relevance.

The events which took place in the Soviet Union in the early 1930s cannot be shrugged off as too remote to be of any current significance. So long as they cannot be seriously investigated or discussed in the country where they took place, it is clear that they are in no sense part of the past but a living issue very much to be taken into account when considering the Soviet Union as it is today. The present rulers remain the heirs and accomplices of that dreadful history.

Adapted from *The Harvest of Sorrow*, by Robert Conquest, to be published by Hutchinson on August 28, price £16.95.

When paper can't make people



Work or university? With A level results published, some of the big corporate headhunters explain their attitudes to graduates

No one is ever going to become chairman of a major corporation today without two, perhaps even three, degrees or qualifications: the speaker is Clive Deverell, 44-year-old headhunter for the manufacturing industry, marketing, banking and insurance.

It is a view based upon his experience as a leading recruitment consultant. Yet, it is an attitude which is not necessarily borne out by the beliefs of some of the current heads of industry who still insist that they are more impressed by "the man" than by any formal qualifications.

For the 18-year-old school-leaver it all adds up to an impossible dilemma. Is it better to spend those three valuable years reading for a degree which may have nothing to do with his or her future career or invest the time getting a foothold on the bottom rung of the commercial ladder?

Deverell, a partner with recruitment consultants Bull Thompson, firmly believes that a university education is invaluable in today's competitive job marketplace. "The advantage of a degree is that it proves to employers reasonable intelligence, reasonable drive and interest in long-term careers", he argues.

Without one, long-term futures will undoubtedly be limited."

He also feels that today's employers only regard jobs as "being serious" when they are over the £20,000 a year mark. "They may not be concerned about total performance and total promotability below that so long as the total job is being done in a competent fashion. Where you start using management skills of a conceptual form, you are talking of jobs above that level and that's where the person without a degree would find themselves facing stiff competition and would also find themselves being questioned as to their own intellectual drive capacity."

For the average youngster, the jargon is as daunting as the prospects it portrays, yet even employers occasionally suffer doubts as to the reliability of what some of them regard as the graduate rule-of-thumb.

"The bit I am always uneasy about - and we haven't found a solution to - is that all big companies tend to find themselves milling around competing for the top five per cent of the university output and one has that uneasy feeling that lurking in the next 25 or 50 per cent are all sorts of people who may in the event turn out to be much more practical operators in business than that top five per cent", admits Ronnie Arber, personnel director of Unilever.

"A much higher proportion of able children goes to university now and I wouldn't want to see it otherwise, but I'd always recognise there are a number of people doing relatively dull, undemanding jobs who are actually capable of being directors of public companies. It's merely they have never been tested on the difficult things."

The problem, according to Arber, lies in identifying precisely who these potential directors might be. "In principle, I am absolutely in favour of as wide an entry as one can get - blocking nothing", he says. "In practice, granted a heavy unemployment situation, it is remarkably difficult to devise an organised way of getting in the people who don't come by the usual routes - although one would love to do so."

"A proportion of the top stream are going to go for the City and the rewards in the City at the moment are so high that it is difficult trying to compete with it."

To the young layman confronted by the often bewildering choice of career possibilities underlined by the decision about whether or

not to go to university, it may come as a surprise to discover the extent of the non-graduate opportunities currently to be found within the hallowed square mile of the City.

The profile of the City has changed and so have the customers", says City observer Brian Law, former director of S & W Berisford, the international commodity traders. "Nowadays the market-maker is likely to be more plebeian than patrician. Brokers need something of the smoothness you find in senior advertising executives, all things to all men, good company, gregarious. You feel comfortable with them because if you don't you'll go to someone else."

These are the traders, traditionally the backbone of the City and, who, according to Law, are "loyal, hard-working, energetic, able to attract a following, go out and root the business, have the charm -

degree counterparts. The National Westminster Bank, which takes on 150 graduates a year compared to 1,200 A-level entrants, expects at least half of its topmost positions to be occupied by the products of its graduate development plan. "As far as we are concerned the right graduate and the right 'A' level entrant both have very good prospects and compete equally", says Mike Shippam, head of personnel planning. "But just looking at the figures will tell you that the graduates have greater chance of success. But, having said that, there are still a significant number of vacancies on that executive development plan for 'A' or, indeed, better 'O' levels to aspire to. The academic qualification is, of itself, not important but what you tend to see is a marked tendency for the better-educated to be coming through more strongly."



"Without a degree, long-term futures will be limited"

RECRUITMENT CONSULTANT CLIVE DEVERELL

and it may be a rough charm - to get people to trade with them and to get them to take decisions" - none of them characteristics formally taught at university.

"They start young", says Law. "It's a jungle and if you have to fight their way up from the back office clerks. If they prove themselves good as traders or at winning client business which is more important than speculating with the firm's capital in most companies, they'll do well. Honesty is important. Education attainment is secondary."

That is the present. The future, however, according to City headhunter, Colin Barry, of Overton Shirley and Barry, is likely to favour the applicant with a degree. His view is that to survive long-term with better communications systems, people are going to have to be better educated.

"When you apply for a great number of jobs these days in middle career they want a degree and if you haven't got one you are at a great disadvantage. I think that unless someone is exceptionally entrepreneurial he should take up the option of going to university."

Certainly, in the cut-and-thrust world of banking, graduates stand a vastly better chance when it comes to promotion than their non-

stresses the need for "people who are clear-thinking leaders" emphasizes the banking industry's subtle bias towards graduates. "Our appraisal system is an entirely overt one", insists Shippam. "Everyone knows exactly what is said about them."

And while that is undoubtedly the case in many organisations these days, it is nonetheless inevitable that non-graduates who fail to make the grade should feel that they are perhaps the victims of academic prejudice.

It is a situation with which Diane Halfpenny, 28-year-old graduate recruitment manager of Courtauld's, is only too familiar. "An A level entrant who has been in the company for four years may often feel, wrongly we think, that graduates get preferential treatment because there is a lot of attention being paid to them", she says.

"Our textiles division, which traditionally took people without degrees, is now tending to look for graduates. But those without them are still reaching manager, general manager status. The board all have degrees but senior management do not."

Alison Miller and Sally Brompton

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Japanese play with Stoppard language

Theatre director Leon Rubin gained an intriguing insight into the problems presented by his most exotic assignment on the day when the Japanese leading lady and Tom Stoppard came to dinner.

Rubin organised the informal *soiree* last month after accepting an offer to direct *The Real Thing*, Stoppard's most recent play, in Japan, in Japanese, by a Japanese company.

An interpreter evidently conveyed the playwright's wry humour with some success, for Kiwako Taichi, star of the Bungaku-za company, was highly amused. But to Rubin's consternation, every time she laughed she discreetly covered her mouth after the Japanese fashion. Not the most appropriate gesture for the adulteress, outspoken Annie.

"That's exactly the kind of key question we'll have to resolve," Rubin admitted. "Do I tell her a western character would never do that, and would I then make her feel awkward and uncomfortable as a Japanese actress? I don't know the answer yet."

Before even contemplating the challenge of presenting a play in a language as incomprehensible to him as advanced nuclear physics, Rubin accepts he will have to come to terms with the different culture. "Apparently they don't overtly discuss relationships in the way the characters in the play do, and Kiwako said she was finding it embarrassing and difficult even to think about playing some scenes."

The proper way to express love in Japan, for example, would be for a lady to glance quickly and then lower her eyes until the man looked away. Alternatively, Miss Taichi suggested that she could signal her affection by mending a hole in his pull-over. "So clearly there is a cultural gap in cross," Rubin observed, with some understatement. "But Tom's answer, which I agreed with, was that we still have to deal with these effects, and for the Japanese it will be a strange, exotic, perhaps quizzical play. That should be fine; it's the quality we are looking for, but it's going to be a strange journey."

So what makes a young director with a successful play running in the West End

Theatre audiences in Japan face a puzzling introduction to western humour



Culture shock: Leon Rubin (*Double Double* at the Fortune) and a promising career move to the Bristol Old Vic pending, embark on such a magical mystery tour? "It seemed like fun. I think it was the idea of total immersion in a foreign culture that was so exciting and invigorating."

"Also, it seemed an odd choice of play for a Japanese company. The oddness appealed to me because it is so quintessentially English in its theme and manner, and, of course, so did the language. There are so many puns and plays with words that it intrigues me to know how they will translate, not just in the literary way, but how an

audience will respond to that humour. That's the challenge, to try and assimilate a Japanese cultural eye-view of a western relationship."

After deciding to remain as faithful to the English production as possible, Rubin has already encountered some minor practical problems.

A set design for a scene, which takes place in a train, recently arrived from Japan. "It was just like the interior of one of their modern, high-speed trains, nothing at all like our slow inter-city. So we had to rework it."

Another problem may be repeated references to the radio programme *Desert Island Discs*. Miss Taichi found them unintelligible and Rubin admits he is worried that the humour may be lost on Japanese audiences, who have never heard of it.

"I discussed it with Tom and he pointed out that in the American production, there had been no problem. He recalled somebody coming in to him in New York saying how clever he had been to invent that funny radio programme. One hopes it would work for a Japanese person."

Rubin must take it on trust that the interpreter and bilingual Japanese assistant director have understood the nuances and subtleties of Stoppard's peculiar humour. "The main difficulty will be how to play a line in rehearsal to get the desired effect. There's bound to be a whole different approach, how a Japanese actor would deliver a

line, a look, or a movement, as opposed to an English actor.

A more delicate and potentially embarrassing problem will be Rubin's ignorance of the elaborate codes of courtesy and behaviour. "I think one can easily make mistakes, and say exactly the wrong thing."

Preliminary dealings with the assistant director gave him an insight into the difficulty. "He's been extremely polite, but I've understood that beneath all the courtesy, sometimes he wanted to say he totally disagreed. It takes a long time; you have to be very patient. That's the key to starting work in a Japanese environment."

His latest venture is rare, but not unique. Kim Grant, the director, accepted a similar offer from Japan to stage *The Diary of Anne Frank*, but realised only later that it was to be a rock musical version.

Rubin leaves England at the end of the month for five weeks' rehearsal before the show opens in Tokyo's prestigious Sunshine Theatre. Then it's back to England for his first production as artistic director at Bristol, a musical version of the film *The Blue Angel*.

Presenting irreverent English attitudes to love and marriage in downtown Tokyo will, he admits, be a hard act to follow. "What next? I think Shakespeare in Chinese would be interesting, or maybe Chekhov in Russian..."

Gavin Bell

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Tamil refugees

In "Sharks who offer sanctuary" (Spectrum, August 15), the number of refugees into West Germany - 13,000 in 1985 and 1,875 in 1986 so far - referred to Tamil refugees only. The totals for all refugees entering Germany are 75,000 and 40,000 respectively.

Tomorrow

On the Books page, Enoch Powell reviews the collected works of political economist Thomas Malthus

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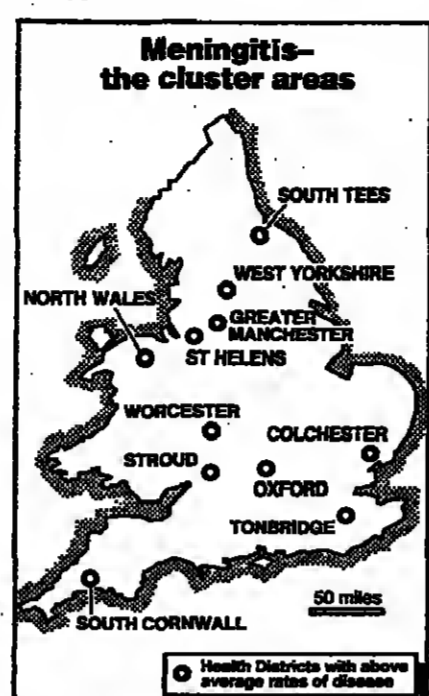
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WEDNESDAY PAGE

It's not an epidemic. It is serious and I understand the anxiety, but meningitis is rare compared to the risks of other infections

Unlike most detectives on the trail of a mass killer, Dennis Jones knows almost all there is to know about his killer - name, description and methods. The burden that weighs him in the midst of a public outcry is the knowledge that neither he nor anyone else can prevent more deaths - at least, not yet.

The bacterium coughing and sneezing. It enters the bloodstream and produces an inflammation of the meninges, the membranes around the brain and spinal cord, and can cause death or disability. Early treatment with antibiotics is highly effective but the onset of symptoms can be frighteningly quick.



become the focus of most attention. In addition, specialists in Norway, Holland, Iceland and the United States are pooling their expertise and offering it to British research teams to help speed the development of a vaccine.

establishment. Scientists there have been offered the vaccine and a wealth of data by colleagues in the United States. A trial of the vaccine is likely to start next year in Norway, where B15 first emerged in the early 1970s.

claims that are being made for it. It may be between one and two years before it can be used. Though much is known about the B15 strain, puzzles remain. Why do outbreaks occur, and recur, in specific parts of the country, while other areas are unscathed?

TALKBACK

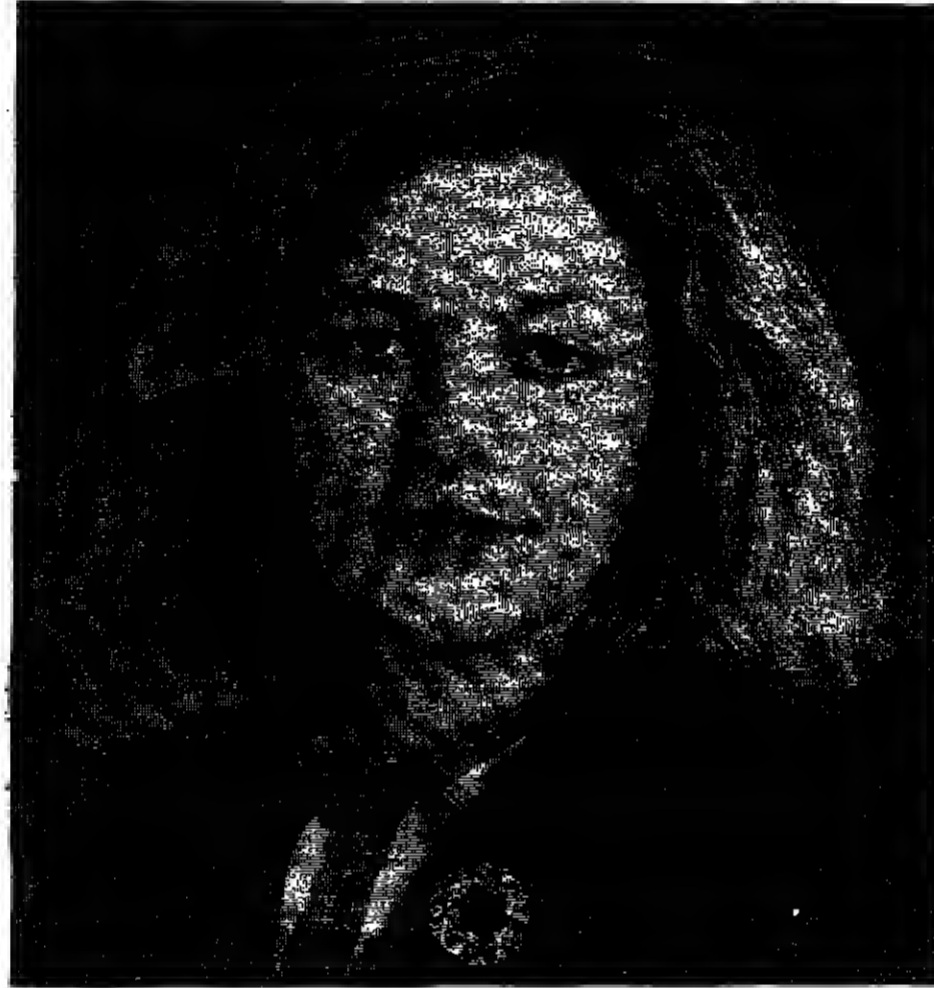
Are the Saudis feminist?

From Sarah Holland. The Gatehouse Cottage, Naworth, Brampton, Cumbria. Dr Germaine Greer (August 15) claims that the Saudis execute adulterous wives because - unlike us - they regard women not as 'passive' but as individuals capable of making informed choices and accepting their destiny, grim as it may seem to us.

Another Fraser books in

The author of a new biography of Emma Hamilton could soon be as famous as her subject if the hype is any guide. Val Hennessy reports

If the name Flora Fraser rings no bells, it soon will. You can take it from an effervescent publishing whiz-kidette called Mary Caulfield that by next month, if everything goes to a meticulously contrived, phenomenally expensive hype-plan, the name Flora Fraser will be tripping off the lips of television presenters, radio reporters, chat-show hosts, magazine readers, and droves of brainwashed biography addicts who will be ransacking shops for Flora Fraser's new biography Beloved Emma - The Life of Emma Lady Hamilton.



Three generations of biographers: Flora Fraser, her mother Antonia Fraser, top right, and grandmother Lady Longford

the least doubt about whether the world was ready for Flora Fraser, by the time she has done her strategic stuff it certainly will be.

terested. I know they want someone who looks good and is a good talker. They know I won't offer them a dud".

her publicity coup de grace was obtaining a window at Harrods. This didn't cost a penny. For the week of publication Ms Caulfield saw to it that Flora Fraser was commissioned to write simultaneous pieces for Harpers (on Emma's garden at Caserta) and Cosmo (on Emma's bicoastal cavortings in Naples). Vogue will print an interview with her, written by her sister, Taylor. It is doing a review. And of course there's that colour magazine feature with photos by Lord Snowdon.



'All the media exposure doesn't terrify me at all'

readable, authoritative, and a sufficiently rip-roaring work to merit Lord Weidenfeld's impulsive financial outlay. As for 27-year-old Flora Fraser herself, she is definitely no "dud". She has all the self-assurance and charm you would expect of the daughter of Antonia Fraser and the granddaughter of Lady Longford. She is as bright and articulate as you would hope of someone educated at St Paul's School, in Florence and at Wadham College, Oxford, where she read Classics.

Just when you thought it was safe ...

If there is anything more boring at dinner than a pair of word processor users moaning about how they lost half a book the night before, it is swimming pool owners who chat the night away about the water balance or the tendency of their holes in the ground to turn green.

From turning hair green to stirring fears of cancer, swimming pool chemicals have a lot to answer for

amounts to large quantities of unfamiliar substances into the pool where my children splash around virtually every day for half the year is beginning to give me the creeps.

a system called Hypocell which uses salt and electrolysis to produce chlorine in the water. The nearest thing to a completely chemical-free system, though, is Tarnpure, which works through silver and copper ions. It has a rival which works on the same principle called Ultimair. The main hazard appears to be to the bank account. These systems can cost anything from £600 to well over £1,000 depending on which one you choose and the size of your pool.

Pool and Allied Trades Association standard work on water and chemicals, which is far too technical and is preceded by the legend "The inclusion of a product or system in these standards does not imply SPATA approval or a guarantee of efficiency". Just what you need when you're about to sink a fortune.

MULTIYORK'S SUMMER SALE.

Advertisement for MultiYork's Summer Sale. It features two tables of furniture prices. The first table lists items like 'ARMCHAIR', 'LARGE ARMCHAIR', 'MEDIUM SOFA', 'LARGE SOFA', 'EX. LARGE SOFA', and 'FOOTSTOOL' with their list prices, sale prices, and additional covers. The second table lists items like 'SMALL ARMCHAIR', 'LARGE ARMCHAIR', 'VERY LARGE ARMCHAIR', 'MEDIUM SOFA', 'LARGE SOFA', 'EX. LARGE SOFA', and 'FOOTSTOOL' with their list prices, sale prices, and additional covers. Below the tables, there is text about the sale location (4 Camden Road, London NW1) and contact information.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ON THIS DAY

AUGUST 20 1917

Our Special Correspondent was Hubert Walter.

THE COUNTRY OF GOOD WORKS.

SWITZERLAND'S PART IN THE WAR (From Our Special Correspondent.)

ZURICH. With the exception of one or two hard moments, the history of Switzerland during the war has for the outer world been uneventful... Blessed beyond words by having been spared the armed violence of the enemy, she has from the first devoted herself, while mobilizing her army against any possible invader, to offering her thanks to Heaven and maintaining her traditional attitude among the nations by doing good to the unhappy and innocent victims whom the fortune of war brings within her reach.

The number of French civilians rescued through Switzerland to France up to the present exceeds 250,000. Day after day the trains come through. I have just witnessed the arrival of the 478th. And day after day since the tide of miserable humanity began to flow, at all the stations on the way - at Schaffhausen, Zurich, Bern, Lausanne, Geneva, and wherever else the train stops - and at any hour of the day or night, a crowd of Swiss people have met those trains and done their best, by food and gifts and cheering words and singing, to express their sympathy with the passengers. In the early days this spontaneous outpouring of loving-kindness, from lack of experience and organization, and from the very warmth of feeling which inspired it, tended to be not only overwhelming to the recipients, but extravagant. Now, though the warmth of feeling remains - some men (even very busy ones) and many ladies have not failed to meet a single train - the organization is perfect, and the systematic relief of the wounded, civil and military, has become a disciplined habit. I have seen several trains stop at stations and have marvelled at the sympathetic faces of the spectators, who have witnessed the scene so many times that at first one might expect to find them to have become indifferent. But the zeal with which the authorized workers distribute coffee, soup, tobacco, and chocolate, and the children sing their hymns of hope and patriotism, remains unabated, and those who have no active work to do can at least raise encouraging cheers. Nor must we forget the devoted ladies who accompany the trains all the way.

A "CHEERFUL" TRAIN

The incident which happens nearly every day at the week at Zurich station seems to me one of the most pathetic that I have met during the war. I do not weep readily, but on this occasion I was on the verge of breaking down twice, and there were more wet eyes on that railway platform than I have ever seen at a funeral. And this, it seems, was a particularly "cheerful" train. Its freight this day consisted of 77 old men, 250 women, 75 children, and 20 babies under four, and four dogs. Their homes, of course, have long ceased to exist. But they have not lost everything they possessed. When, after the train had been emptied and disinfected, I walked through the carriages I saw in the luggage racks all that remained to them after the Germans had done with them. Over each seat was a small blue container, in a rug of blanket, something that the refugees had felt could simply not be left behind. Sometimes it was a clock, often a broken toy, one grandmother had brought merely the six umbrellas of the family. Not all the passengers were able to alight. The oldest woman that I saw was 93. But in the previous train there had been one of 98, who confidently asserted her intention of living yet two more years, in order that she might see the final destruction of the Boche, who has robbed her of all she had in the world.

Totally improper

From Mr H. T. Sowden. Sir, Perhaps Mrs Cherry (August 15) is a bit hasty, to take her husband to task for asking for his breakfast egg to be boiled for a "full five minutes". I suspect he recognised that while the boiling was in progress she would be making the coffee, keeping an eye on the toast, searching for the marmalade and dishing out the fibre. Hardly an empty four minutes.

Exception to rule

From Mr Ronald Davis. Sir, This morning I drew up behind a car which had a label on the back window which said "All property is theft". "Is that your car?" He said: "Yes." Yours faithfully, RONALD DAVIS, 20 Brunswick Terrace, Hove, Sussex, August 8.

True and false wage effects

From Mr G. V. Lawrence. Sir, Alec Nove, in his article, "Low wages don't work" (August 8), is correct when he comments upon the lowness of British wages when compared to our more successful competitors, but he is confusing cause and effect when he infers that high wages are not a strong contributory cause of unemployment.

German and Japanese labour have consistently been less demanding in the frequency, and especially the magnitude, of their wage demands and in fact in nominal terms UK wages have risen at a much higher rate than those of our rivals. Professor Nove touched on the core of the problem in observing that sterling has depreciated whilst the mark and yen have appreciated, but he failed to draw the valid conclusion. In pressing for higher nominal wages, British labour has ended up with lower real wages. It has also, as a result, suffered more unemployment and higher inflation; the divergence of our respective exchange rates has seen to that.

Higher nominal wage pressure vis-a-vis our rivals has led to cost inflation, lower competitiveness, balance of payments deficits, pressure on the exchange rate, government countervailing action in raising interest rates, and possible fiscal contraction.

The eventual and inevitable fall in the exchange rate restores our competitiveness, but import inflation is generated, real incomes fall and unions demand even higher nominal wages and the whole destabilising process continues, with governments having to implement fiscal and monetary action usually inimical to employment and economic growth.

It is true that more dynamic management, improved marketing, more innovative product development, better product reliability and delivery, a more efficient infrastructure and an educational system more attuned to business and technical training are all critical if Britain is to achieve the prosperity of Germany and Japan. But since we are behind those countries in those aspects we cannot expect to receive the equivalent real incomes; we must maintain our wage levels within the boundaries of our labour productivity, otherwise unemployment will persist and even worsen.

Short shrift

From Miss Judith M. Burnell. Sir, Date: August 14, 1986. 08.37 - British Rail regrets the Victoria service from Orpington has been cancelled. Reason: shortage of staff. 09.30 - office post not arrived; enquiries to sorting office. Reason: shortage of staff. 12.30 - Westminster Underground station. London Transport regrets that passengers may experience delays on the District and Circle lines. Reason: shortage of staff. 15.00 - enquiries to Gas Board as to why last quarter's bill was estimated; "We now only read meters twice a year". Reason: shortage of staff. 17.20 - British Rail regrets the Orpington service has been cancelled. Reason: shortage of staff. 18.30 - The Six O'clock News from the BBC. "And now for a round-up of today's headlines; unemployment has reached a new record level..."

Gilded cage

From Mr Philip M. Correll. Sir, I hesitate to introduce a serious note regarding the legacy of £5,000 to a parrot (Fourth Letter, August 16) but I would point out that the bequest would doubtless fall as the bird would be unable to give the executor a valid receipt for the money. It is more usual for a weekly sum to be left by will, for the lifetime of an animal, to its appointed custodian. In some cases however executors have been known to entertain suspicions when animals thus favoured apparently achieve extraordinary feats of longevity. Yours faithfully, PHILIP M. CORRELL, 4 Maidenhead Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, August 16.

New passport

From Mr John Temple-Smith. Sir, Mr Miles Cato (August 14) must clearly be one of those fortunate holidaymakers who can take a personal secretary with them on their travels, thus relieving them of the need to carry a passport on their person. Speaking as a lesser (but no less liege) subject of her Majesty, I have no love for the present passport. How often, lying back on my mattress on the sun-drenched Riviera, have I cursed the ob-

Philosophy as end or adjunct

From Mr Tom Cross. Sir, Professor Ayer's letter (August 12) on what he sees as a threat to the study of philosophy projects a natural concern at the decline of the discipline but fails to examine why this should be so.

He continues to hold firmly to the view that it is essentially a critical activity operating within an empiricist framework, which quite logically leads to its being seen as an adjunct or aid to other disciplines. As a form of intellectual grammar it has, therefore, no identity of its own and cannot itself make any contribution to the sum of human knowledge.

Traditionally, philosophy has been seen as the derivative line of human thought from which particular lines of enquiry could develop and be pursued with a factual rigour which would establish their truth and extend man's knowledge of both the world and the larger cosmos.

In its adherence to positivism, a singular promotion of Professor Ayer, it has abandoned this function and left such enquiry as there is into ultimate reality to what is assumed to be the competence of specialist disciplines. They, lacking an holistic view, spend their time usefully refining their areas of interest but fail to forge ahead into the literally unknown which was once the principal concern of philosophers.

If philosophy is to endure and grow as an academic study it must from time to time re-examine its roots and be clear as to the direction it is taking. There are many who would argue that in the history of philosophy there is evidence of a rhythmic movement in human thought from the speculative to the critically sceptical and back again to speculation.

Philosophy's present difficulties are to be seen in its failure to

Courts in S Africa

From Dr C. F. Forsyth. Sir, Michael Hornsby's article on the South African judiciary ("Pretoria's thin red line", August 15) missed the crucial point. It is true that the South African Government, if frustrated in the present litigation over the state of emergency, may seek to rely upon other legislation to achieve its ends. But it does not follow that the courts are bound meekly to uphold what the Government may do in those circumstances.

The statute clear beyond doubt and free from all ambiguity is yet to be drafted. And for as long as some semblance of rule by law remains, that ambiguity and uncertainty may be used by the judges to protect the rights of individuals. Under the South African Constitution the judge's role in this area will always be limited but still very significant.

So the important question is not how will the Government respond, but whether the judges will have the courage and the wisdom to resist whatever draconian plans the Government may have in mind.

I will not predict now how the judges (especially the judges of the

Doctor of the Church

From Mr Patrick W. Gill. Sir, The floods of tears which John Henry Newman is reputed to have shed at the sight of his old vicarage at Littlemore were as nothing to the waves of disbelief that swept over me as I read your leading article (August 12) referring to this great 19th-century Christian figure as "the very chief formative influence on contemporary Christianity" and "the invisible father of the Second Vatican Council".

The traits of contemporary Christianity, Catholic and Protestant, could be summed up in the philosophy of liberalism and the supreme authority of conscience, yet Newman had completely opposite views to the prevailing attitudes on these matters.

On receiving his official summons to become a cardinal in 1879, Newman defined liberalism in religion as the doctrine that there is no positive truth in religion. For 30-40 years I have resisted the temptation to use the spirit of liberalism in religion. Never did Holy Church need champions against it more surely than now.

Waste of resources

From Mr John Ford. Sir, There has been much recent publicity about proprietors of bed and breakfast accommodation for the homeless making exorbitant profits from public funds, but the problem extends to the private rented sector, too. One unemployed client of mine and his family are living in a two-bedroom furnished flat costing £130 per week, which is paid out of housing benefit from the local authority.

It is uncommon for local authorities to use their powers under the Rent Act 1977, sections 68 and 77, to have rents determined by a rent officer or tribunal at much reduced levels. I suspect

Lost awakening?

From Mr George Bell. Sir, Oliver Hinch's graveyard workman (August 7) was possibly an immigrant from Golconda, Hyderabad, where the mausoleums of the great departed are protected by a large notice in English: "It is forbidden to live in the tombs". Yours, GEORGE BELL, 32 Sutherland Place, W2.

A BALANCE OF DISADVANTAGE

In extending the Soviet Union's unilateral moratorium on nuclear tests until the end of the year, as he did on Monday, Mr Gorbachov was playing to his international audience. It was, as United States spokesmen were quick to note, a propaganda ploy, and an obvious one. But it should not on that account be underestimated.

When Moscow first announced its moratorium just over a year ago, it was met with a wave of goodwill around the world. From Europe to China, governments and parties with diverse sympathies hailed it as an appropriate and thoroughly praiseworthy way of commemorating the anniversary of Hiroshima. Scant consideration was given to how cheaply the Soviet Union had bought such political advantage: the Soviet testing programme was complete, the American one still in progress.

And the test ban, reinforced by successive extensions, has had an effect. The strength and depth of that effect became apparent only last week when the US House of Representatives voted to ban all but the least powerful nuclear tests planned for next year so long as the Soviet ban was still in force. As a policy statement it is unlikely to receive further endorsement, least of all the approval of the President. As a reflection of a changed mood among Americans - those same Americans who had been so dismissive of Mr Gorbachov's initial announcement a year ago - it is a salutary reminder that propaganda ploys used often enough and consistently enough have their advantages.

But it was not only a propaganda ploy. And the Soviet leader's television address was not only, indeed not primarily, intended for foreign consumption. There are other means - international press conferences, official announcements and magazine interviews - the Soviet propaganda machine likes to employ for that purpose.

No, Mr Gorbachov's message was addressed above all to his fellow countrymen some of whom were perhaps concerned that their leader was prepared to sacrifice too much to place relations with the United

States on a more amicable footing. And the long and painstaking justification he gave for his decision illustrated the difficulties any leader, and not only the leader of what is still a very closed and uniform society, has in prosecuting his policies.

For Mr Gorbachov's moratorium, while avowedly an international success, was in some respects a liability at home. Not for its first four months, perhaps, when the domestic economy was such a priority; nor yet after its third renewal when the Chernobyl disaster had been used by Soviet leaders to demonstrate the dire effects of nuclear technology unleashed. But as the months went by and the American tests continued, the moratorium was bound to arouse criticism.

Some of that criticism surfaced in Mr Gorbachov's address, which carefully balanced attacks on the United States with a defence of the moratorium. It had paid off internationally, the Soviet leader said. It did not jeopardize Soviet security; if there came a point when it did, the testing programme could swiftly be revived. Soviet security interests were paramount. To extend the moratorium was no expression of weakness, rather it was a reflection of the Soviet Union's sense of responsibility for the preservation of peace. And if the United States went ahead with its Strategic Defence Initiative regardless? Moscow would have its own, undefined, alternative.

Declaring a unilateral moratorium was always going to be easier than rescinding it without a US response. The first action could be interpreted as that of a peacemaker; the second would be interpreted as a reversion to war-mongering and negate all the benefit. To that extent the initial declaration was a risk. It was also a risk in relations between the military and civilian sectors of the Soviet hierarchy. If the American administration could argue cogently on military grounds that a cessation of tests would damage national security, then so could the Soviet top brass.

Nonetheless, this was a risk publication as much as they possibly could. After all, Mr Phibbs, a vigorous young publicity-seeker, had refused to obey his elders' instructions that the issue be withdrawn. In the past such offenders could be taken behind the traditional Conservative arras and given a good talking. Such experiences were almost a training session for later life under the Whips. Alternatively, the matter could normally have been allowed to drop with the weary shrug that student politics is, well, student politics. Remember the time when the Secretary of State for X let off a fire extinguisher at the Monday Club rally in 1957, bo, bo, and so on.

This case, however, cannot be dismissed as just another student rag in political disguise. The subject in question was the allegation in Count Nikolai Tolstoy's recent book, *The Minister and the Massacres*, that the then Mr Harold Macmillan was responsible for the deaths of 40,000 Cossacks, handed over to the Soviet Union and promptly massacred, as a result of post-war bargaining between the allies.

In *New Agenda* the attribution of this responsibility went far beyond the careful weighing of historical evidence. A verdict of "Guilty" was pronounced in true blue capital letters on the cover. The relationship between the wartime allies in the latter stages of the Second World War has

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Such an unpredicted shortfall in revenue is likely to handicap Soviet modernization plans so long as the Soviet Union is not self-sufficient in either food or technology. Some believe it will force - indeed, may already have forced - harsh choices on the Kremlin, choices between maintaining military development at its present level and fulfilling promises about living standards made in the current five-year plan.

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This was a dangerous course to take, and one which may already have forced the Kremlin into compromises, of which the extended moratorium on nuclear testing, its more flexible approach to verification and its latest initiative on inspection of military manoeuvres are only isolated examples. This much Mr Gorbachov has been able to deliver, but not - to judge by his television address - without opposition. How much more is his to offer must now be open to question.

So the important question is not how will the Government respond, but whether the judges will have the courage and the wisdom to resist whatever draconian plans the Government may have in mind.

I will not predict now how the judges (especially the judges of the

These are matters for historians. It is undignified and worse that they should be exploited for the purposes of scandal mongering in a student magazine, published with the imprimatur of Lord Stockton's party and accompanied by a recommendation that be stripped of the Tory whip if he failed to give a reply satisfactory to Mr Phibbs.

There are certain now to be renewed calls for the suspension of the FCS similar to those that followed the violence at its annual conference at Loughborough University last year. That would probably be a mistake. Tory students tend to divide into the ultra- and the ultra-dry. There ought to be as much room for the FCS students who believe in the legalization of incest and the privatization of nuclear weapons as for the rival Young Conservatives who believe in limitless welfare budgets and the promotion of Peter Walker.

But if the FCS is to enjoy the Tory Party's protection and patronage, it will have to keep within the party rules. Accordingly, the FCS ought to ask itself if Mr Phibbs has obeyed its own rules - and Central Office should ask whether the FCS needs a more attentive watchdog.

The Trustee Savings Banks belong to her Majesty the Queen. Yours faithfully, ANDREW GILCHRIST, Arthur's Crags, Hazelbank, By Lanark.

Awful warning

From Mr E. F. Northcote. Sir, "Toxic" is a much better word than "poison", Heier, August 18. It is shorter and it includes an 'x' for the benefit of Scrabble players. Yours faithfully, EDWARD F. NORTHCOTE, Flat 22, 12a, Camball Road, SW15, August 18.

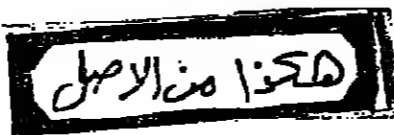
A case for delay

From Sir Andrew Gilchrist. Sir, May I suggest that you are over-hasty in condemning Mr Ian Stewart's distinction between the State, the Crown and the Government as "inappropriate and inadequate" (leading article, August 13).

Under the British Constitution the Government is a political mechanism with the duty of handling the day-to-day business of the country; and the Crown is the name for a kind of repository or holding company for the prop-

erty which the Government makes use of in carrying out its duties. So far so good, as any competent constitutional lawyer will confirm.

To define "the State" is less easy, but fortunately it is unnecessary. In the British State the ultimate and irreplaceable source of political power and of title to property is the Monarchy, so that after making all necessary deductions in respect of the Government, the Crown and (perhaps) the Church of England, there is clearly one single institution unquestionably marked out as being (to take a legal analogy) in the position of residuary legate.





THE ARTS



JOHN MAUDE
Went with an actor's...

Television
Who to blame?

The most important piece to cover was the victim's head... "covered the victim's head" in tones well-rehearsed nonchalance.

No One Speaks for the Dead... examined this and no other cases where men had strangled women, freely admitted the killing and then led guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of provocation.

This well-researched if rather tendentious documentary interviewed those witnesses who earnestly described the victims as kind-hearted, generous, compassionate... as people, in other words, who deserved neither the original violence nor the drastic vindication.

Martin Cropper
Summerscope
S/Zagrosek
Elizabeth Hall

One of the many pieces by Stuart Wells encountered by the London Sinfonietta during the last decade can have had quite the chilling impact of that composer's *Das Berliner Requiem*, written for radio in 1928.

The production of *The Sleeping Beauty* is new, premiered in April. Gusev, who staged it, has impeccable credentials. Now 82, he once danced both Prince Desiré and the Bluebird in Leningrad under the direction of Fedor Lopukhov.

The worst thing that can happen to a writer has just happened to Nicholas Mosley. It is the kind of disaster, as he puts it, that you simply cannot believe will ever happen to you.

As the novel grew, and spread, he went on trying to express something he says he finds extremely hard to explain, but which goes something like this: only some things, like death, betrayal and drama, make good stories; ordinary life, simply carrying on, is boring.

Stephen Pettitt

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL
Cinema: David Robinson

Revelation from China

The big revelation of the Edinburgh International Film Festival - this year celebrating its fortieth edition - comes from China. Two new films confirm that *Yellow Earth* was no flash in the pan, but that there really is a conspiracy to supplant the old cardboard heroes and villains of official Communist mythology with flesh-and-blood people.

Like *Yellow Earth*, both Jianzhong Huang's *A Girl of Good Family* and Nuanxin Zhang's *Sacrificed Youth* treat the lives of remote communities practically untouched by modern civilization. The new artists recognize these ancient cultures as sources of Chinese thought and character.

Set in 1948, *A Girl of Good Family* is the story of a young woman sold in marriage, according to custom, to a six-year-old husband. A curious attachment - neither parental nor marital - grows up between the kindly wife and her best-wetting spouse; and, when she falls in love in a normal way with a young man, the adultery wounds both partners in the unlikely marriage.

There are comparable qualities in *Sacrificed Youth*, the work of a woman director, which recalls the experiences of students in the years of the Cultural Revolution, sent out to do manual labour in rural areas. Arriving in a Dai village wearing the

drab cotton suit which was the Party-approved uniform of those times, the heroine is shocked by the country girls' bright clothes, nude bathing and unabashed flirting with the village boys. In time she relaxes to their easier ways, though finally the aggressive, unrestrained emotions of her hosts prove too much for her.

These films provide the rare thrill of discovering a new society and the private sentiments of the people within it, and inspire regret that channels of communication with Chinese cinema are at present so erratic. Sadder still however are current reports of a clamp-down on more progressive films and their makers.

America's independent film-makers, always strongly represented in Edinburgh, seem currently to be compensating for the commercial cinema's preoccupation with action fantasies or the sexual initiation of retarded schoolkids by concentrating on films about intimate, mature human relationships.

Bill Sherwood's *Parting Glances*, which opens 800 in London, is a good-looking, well-made and sophisticated low-budget feature with resonances a lot larger than its immediate subject. Set among New York yuppie society, it centres on a homosexual couple (played by Richard Ganoong and John Bolger) and their friends, in particular a gifted, cynical musician dying from AIDS.

Gus van Sant's *Mala Noche* likewise triumphs over penury of re-

sources, using its grainy 16mm images with expressionist flair to convey a vivid sense of a place (a slum district of Portland, Oregon) and its people. Homosexuality figures here too: the protagonist, a tattooed young storekeeper, falls hopelessly for a young Mexican illegal immigrant, who in return teases, exploits, abuses and bullies him. Van Sant's picture of the Mexican boy and his friends, living a hungry, fugitive existence which has turned them as fierce and untrusting as alley-cats, sticks in the mind long after the film.

The best part of Lizzie Borden's *Working Girls* is also a sense of environment: a Manhattan brothel, during the course of one normal working day. The neo-documentary style is effective enough, but we seem to have seen these women who lead once bourgeois private lives out of hours, and the customers with their feeble sexual fantasies, rather often before. A much more original and lively female portrait features in *She's Gotta Have It*, an all-black production, directed by Spike Lee.

The heroine is a sophisticated and self-aware young woman whose urges impel her to a carefree promiscuity - with disconcerting effects on the egos of her three rival lovers.

The half-dozen films already unearthed by the NFA, show that the admiration of David Lean - who first



A study in durable relationships: the gentle cold shoulder from Richard Ganoong (left) for the boy (Adam Nathan) who tries to break into the central affair of *Parting Glances*

reminded the world of Vorhaus's existence - is not misplaced. His modest British thrillers, with titles like *Crime on the Hill*, *Dusty Ermine* and *The Last Journey*, reveal a distinguished talent. Vorhaus was far ahead of his contemporaries in his bold use of locations (stretches of the Great Western Railway figure in *The Last Journey*) and his fluid, dynamic cutting. He reveals great skill for character, and made rich use of the great acting talent offered by the London stage in the Thirties. The films are as enjoyable in their way as early Hitchcock, and augur well for next winter's National Film Theatre retrospective.

Opera: John Higgins
Queen of Spades
King's Theatre

The comfortably refurbished King's, until somebody really does take the decision awaited these many years to start digging a hole in the ground for an opera house, remains Edinburgh's main lyric theatre. But no opera has been heard in it during the festival until this, the second week. The visitors are the Maly Theatre of Leningrad and with them they bring Tchaikovsky's two Pushkin operas, *Eugene Onegin* and *Queen of Spades*, plus Stokimsky's *Maria Stuart*.

The impression made on the opening night by *Queen of Spades* was no more than modest. There were all too many signs of travel fatigue. Shoddy and erratic lighting, noises off including a plentitude of prompting, huge intervals which turned one of the laziest short stories in the Russian language into a four-hour opera, all probably made S.L. Gaudastinsky's production look rather worse than it really is. Too many things went wrong, but some of them were probably not right in the first place.

There was for instance the body of servants grovelling around the Countess as she prepares for bed in the central act. To fawn, as the Tchaikovsky, Pyotr and Modest, required in the libretto, is one thing; grovel is another. It destroyed the musical approach to the Countess's dreamy recollection of the good old days when songs were songs and dear Grétry was still composing. Even so I.P. Bogachova (initials only throughout to the programme) still managed to give the performance of the evening as an iron matriarch of dignity and authority - memories of Edith Evans's marvellous

performance in the Thorold Dickinson film.

It destroyed too the tension of Hermann waiting in the gloom behind the curtains to wrest the secret of three cards, which will win him a fortune at the gaming tables, from the old lady. Not that A.T. Kapustin in the role was a great tension-builder, except in the Tod Slaughter manner. Altogether he had an unhappy and clumsy evening both vocally and dramatically. Notes were lost - so too apparently was the pistol with which Hermann confronts the Countess - his boots squeaked, props got in the way and the tenor too often sounded dusty and dry until the final scene. The Hermann of both Pushkin and Tchaikovsky, ice-cold in his ambition and pathetic in his obsession, is a rather different figure.

Better performances came from the women. V.S. Yusvenko (assuming that the first of the two Lisas listed on the programme was singing) had a true streak of apprehensive melancholy running through her soprano, which has richness when not pressed too hard; unlike some of her colleagues she is an accomplished actress. N.I. Romanova was a blessedly accurate and musical Pauline. Among the men N.D. Kopolov's Prince Yelisey was admirable: his vocal tone and good manners could be used as an example in an evening which was generally far too rough for festival standards.

An exception has to be made for the Maly orchestra under V.V. Kozhin, which really got to grips with the score, part pastiche and part high psychological drama, which Tchaikovsky wrote for this illustrious opera. With them go the hopes for the next two works, plus a prayer for rather more hours of preparation.

Dance: John Percival

Sleeping Beauty
Playhouse

Some credit is due to Frank Dunlop for looking off the beaten track for a company to bring *The Sleeping Beauty* to this year's Edinburgh Festival and finding one that has not been to Britain before. The Warsaw Ballet is one of the longest established in the world and in the past Poland has given outstanding talents to the international scene.

The present company has no dancers of top class. In fact its qualities, although respectable, have to be seen by international standards as what used to be called provincial. To put it in perspective, both Royal Ballet companies generally put out stronger casts in this work, but by no means invariably.

The production of *The Sleeping Beauty* is new, premiered in April. Piotr Gusev, who staged it, has impeccable credentials. Now 82, he once danced both Prince Desiré and the Bluebird in Leningrad under the direction of Fedor Lopukhov, who probably understood Petipa's choreography better than anyone else. Besides, Gusev's assistants included Irina Kolpakova, re-

membered as an Aurora of rare quality with the Kirov Ballet.

So the set designs are given in authentic versions and, where they sometimes differ in detail from those familiar in British productions, it is not necessarily we who are right. In the garland dance, for instance, it is refreshing to see children again as well as adults, and Gusev's version has some very pretty touches, including the children dancing under arches of boughs held by the men.

On the other hand, Gusev seems not very fond of traditional mime, and he treats Tchaikovsky's score to some savage cuts. He avoids all the usual explanation about the witch Carabosse and her anger by adding a sequence during the overture in which the good fairies are seen arriving for Aurora's christening and are admitted by the master of ceremonies who rudely pushes Carabosse away. After that, Gusev cuts straight to the fairies' usual entrance, missing out all the processions which help build atmosphere. It is odd, too, that the fairies apparently stopped somewhere between the front door and the great hall of the palace to put on cloaks and find their attendants.

There are some nice touches, such as having the baby held aloft at the point when we usually see the Lilac Fairy so honoured. How convincing also, when Carabosse vanishes in a puff of smoke after her spell has worked, that the four princes make a solemn pact and go off in different directions to look for her. But omitting the hunting scene altogether not only inflicts another wound on Tchaikovsky but means that Prince Desiré's arrival on the scene seems to happen by pure accident.

Jadwiga Jarosiewicz's designs seem made with a view to economy that hardly accords with the ballet's sumptuous expectations. Mirrors and candles do provide some glitter in the last scene. The placing of the thrones looks wrong in every sense, making the king and queen either peer askance at the dancers or gaze steadily out at their backs while the fairies bless a child they are not looking at.

We could have done with a few more players in the pit than the 61 which the Scottish Chamber Orchestra provides. However, they played very attractively under Bogdan Oledzki's conducting, and it is good to hear a proper harp cadenza before the *Rose Adagio*, allowing Aurora's first



Highest effort: Mawisuz Malecki, Ewa Glowacka

suitors time to introduce themselves to her before they dance together. Ewa Glowacka as Aurora and Mawisuz Malecki as Prince Desiré gave performances that were honest enough though not what one might hope for as an international festival. What I found disconcerting about them and the other dancers was their inconsistency. They would do some things rather well, then lapse with a poor stretched leg, a half-hearted movement of the arm. There are some obvious

Promenade Concert

BBCSO/Atherton
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Someone at the BBC has the wisdom to keep on plugging the music of Luigi Dallapiccola, even if not many people (at yet) care to listen. Last year his *Canti di prigionia* were powerfully delivered by the BBC Singers. Now that work's stage counterpart, the 1948 one-act opera *Il prigioniero*, has been given a stunning concert performance by the same choir and the BBC Symphony Orchestra under David Atherton. It is one of three Dallapiccola works in this year's Proms.

The story is brutally simple. An inquisition prisoner is subjected to psychological torture worthy of our own sophisticated century; his jailer encourages him to believe that revolution is imminent, that he will soon be free. He is allowed to escape, groping through a dark labyrinth before breathing the fresh night air, uttering a heartfelt "alleluia" and walking straight into the arms of the Grand Inquisitor, who leads him tenderly but firmly to the stake. It is "torture par l'esperance", to quote the title of the short story on which the opera is based.

Dallapiccola had an understandable obsession with freedom, having suffered persecution in both the Austro-Hungarian empire and in Mussolini's Italy. But this opera's power lies in its transcending of time and place when the Prisoner speaks (not sings) the final line "La libertà" - the implication that every perceived offer of "freedom" is tricky and illusion, directly challenges us to assess our own world's condition. Musically, the work is stron-

gest when it full, tormented cry. The screaming brass chords that punctuate the Mother's anguished soliloquy, the exultantly whooping horns as the Prisoner escapes; the evocation of the great bell of Ghent ringing out freedom (in fact it is the Prisoner's own death-knell); these are moments of raw power. Moreover, a rich vein of fiery runs throughout, with marvellous periwinkle ecclesiastical intonation and an aria of mock-revolutionary fervour.

The opera is uneven; the drama sags as the prisoner wanders through corridors (one could imagine Berg, whose music resembles Dallapiccola's in its pragmatic serialism, making something more obsessive of this). But the brilliant use of off-stage

brass and choruses (amplified effectively here) is one of many inspired strokes. David Atherton seemed a little inspired himself; too, marshalling huge orchestral forces superbly. Excellent solo performances came from Lucy Shelton, Dale Duesing and William Cochran, three singers who were not afraid to put vocal resources at drama's disposal.

Earlier, the ensemble Lontano, directed by Odaline de la Martinez, had given Berg's Chamber Concerto a restrained, rather sweet-toned performance, not always immaculately co-ordinated but notable for the impassioned lyricism of the violinist Mark Lubotsky.

Richard Morrison

CHICHESTER THEATRE advertisement for Jane Eyre featuring a photo of the production and promotional text: "BY PUBLIC DEMAND THERE WILL BE TWO EXTRA MATINEE PERFORMANCES on 10th and 17th SEPTEMBER SOLO OUT ALL REMAINING PERFORMANCES SOLD OUT"

Caroline Moorehead meets Nicholas Mosley (right), whose novel *Judith*, third in a vast series of four, has recently been published

Life as a likeable concern

I needed to write lots of novels to say what was going on. As the novels grew, and spread, he went on trying to express something he says he finds extremely hard to explain, but which goes something like this: only some things, like death, betrayal and drama, make good stories; ordinary life, simply carrying on, is boring. To make it interesting, you have to convey excitement. "I thought," says Mosley. "I would write about the secret things growing: once you're conscious of some thread in the midst of this, then there is something hopeful."

And have people understood? Mosley, who is a tall, thin man, who stands with his shoulders hunched up, like a watchful bird, and of whom a friend once said that his struggle for complete intellectual honesty made him "almost a saint", laughs. "Ah no. No one understands what I'm on about at all. Perhaps I'm in the dark myself. Perhaps, while I'm writing about something growing secretly, I myself am growing secretly. It's extremely hard to put into words without sounding like something out of Pseud's Corner."



The sequence of novels, produced quickly, for Mosley works hard, writing, rewriting, all day, most days, was broken in the early 1980s by two

books about his parents, *Rules of the Game* and *Beyond the Pale*. He had long thought of writing something about his father, Sir Oswald Mosley, but had imagined it might be no more than a short memoir, "and that tells you nothing about anything". When his father died in 1980, however, a vast quantity of papers and letters came his way, many more than he knew existed and some to do with his mother Cynthia, who died when he was a child. "As a writer, I was taken over by the vision of the story. Some of the family felt that it was wrong to put in so much personal stuff. But I felt it was a potent, story, showing talent and passionate human beings, and that if you show that I can't see that you belittle them."

Nicholas Mosley was nine when the British Union of Fascists was launched and a master at school nicknamed him "Baby Blackshirt"; he was 16, and at Eton, when his father was sent to prison. Was it hard to write, not just of his parents, but of a father like Mosley? "It's always amazingly hard to write about yourself. I suppose my own father was such a strange figure, so complex and controversial to have as a father, that over the years I had to come to terms with it or I would have been in a bad

Letter from Washington
Old splendour
the new William

Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

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De Beers price dips
Shares in De Beers Consolidated Mines, the South African diamond mining and marketing group, fell from \$6.80 to \$6.13 yesterday in reaction to disappointing interim results for 1986.

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Rentokil up
Rentokil has reported interim pretax profits up 8 per cent to £13.1 million on turnover 8 per cent higher at £76.8 million. The dividend is increased by 15 per cent to 1.025p.

Systems rise
Systems Designers, the software design company, yesterday announced interim pretax profits up 3.5 per cent to £3.3 million for the six months to June 30. The dividend is raised by 0.05p to 0.2p.

Carlo victory
Carlo Engineering has won control of Bruontons (Musselburgh), the Scottish steel wire manufacturer, after Robert Fleming, its merchant bankers, bought 50.85 per cent shares of Bruontons at 72 1/2p each.

Fulham offer
The offer by SB Properties, a Marler Estates subsidiary, for Fulham Football Club has been declared fully unconditional. Mr David Bulstrode, chairman of Marler, has been appointed Fulham's chairman.

Tap success
Tap supplies of 2 1/2 per cent Treasury index-linked stock 2013 have run dry.

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Survey confirms London leads currency world

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent.
London was confirmed as the world's dominant foreign exchange market yesterday when the Bank of England published figures showing that turnover on the City's foreign currency market is outstripping turnover in New York and Tokyo by more than \$40 billion each day.

BPCC shares halt on expected bid

By Alison Eadie
The shares of British Printing & Communication Corporation and Philip Hill Investment Trust were suspended yesterday pending an announcement, expected this morning, that BPCC is making an agreed £330 million bid for Philip Hill.

Mount Charlotte stops talks on merger

By Our City Staff
Mount Charlotte Investments, the hotels group, said yesterday that it had broken off talks for a £500 million merger with Pleasurama, the casinos and leisure group.

US growth rate slows to 0.6%

From Mohsin Ali Washington
America's gross national product (GNP) expanded by only 0.6 per cent in the period from April to June, compared with estimates of 1.1 per cent, the Commerce Department announced yesterday.

Yorkshire forecasts £8.25m

Yorkshire Television, the independent television contractor whose shares are being floated on the stock market next week, yesterday issued a "pathfinder" prospectus, which revealed the sharp improvement in profits that is expected for this year.



Harry Blundred: First in the driver's seat with a management-led buyout of Devon General

Ex-conductor buys the buses

By Teresa Poole
A former bus conductor emerged yesterday as the head of the first management team to purchase a local bus company from the National Bus Company.

Hanson recoups \$930m

By Our City Staff
Hanson Trust has sold the United States company, Durkee Famous Foods, to Reckitt & Colman for \$120 million (£80 million).

Racal chief confident

Sir Ernest Harrison, the Racal chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting yesterday that he was still confident of meeting the company's profit projections from its Vodafone cellular radio venture.

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Pension chiefs face ban on recommending their plans

By Martin Baker
The pensions industry is heading for a period of anomalies and potential illegalities. A survey by the Association of National Pension Fund Managers (ANPF), published yesterday, shows that a considerable number of the 1,015 schemes surveyed will have to amend their reporting and financial practices to conform with legislation.
In addition, a bizarre side-effect of the new Acts affecting pensions may seriously hamper the ability of pension managers and trustees to advise employees to take up their own company scheme.
The ANPF survey, which covers the pension provisions of 6.7 million employees in the public and private sectors, shows that 84 per cent of schemes provide for compulsory employee membership. The Social Security Act 1986, yet to be implemented, will prohibit this.



Norman Fowler: sponsors Social Security Act

At the time of the survey, conducted before the Act came into force, only 38 per cent of schemes surveyed had already made these provisions.
One potential difficulty for pension managers is the combined effect of the Social Security Act 1986, sponsored by Mr Norman Fowler's ministry, and the Department of Trade-backed Financial Services Bill. The 1986 Act will give employees the right to opt for a personal pension.
The ones, according to Mr James, will be "the companies which must sell their own schemes to their employees." The Financial Services Bill, on the other hand, will impose a duty on investment advisers to recommend the better performing pension products to individuals.
They may, therefore, find it difficult to recommend an average company scheme to employees of that company.

Standard gives Pao two seats on board

By Our Banking Correspondent
The three shareholders who rescued Standard Chartered Bank from a bid by Lloyds Bank last month have been given directorships by Standard, but Sir Yue-Kong Pao, the Hong Kong entrepreneur who took the biggest stake in the bank, is to control two directorships.
Sir Yue-Kong, who bought 15 per cent of the bank to help thwart Lloyds, has been appointed group deputy chairman while his brother-in-law, Mr Peter Woo, has been made a director.
Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the Australian businessman who recently raised his holding to 8 per cent, and Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puan, the Singapore entrepreneur who holds 5 per cent, have also been appointed directors.
At the same time Standard announced a 19 per cent increase in its interim dividend, from 10.5p to 12.5p, despite a slight fall in interim pretax profits compared with the same period last year.
The pretax result dropped from £133.8 million to £131 million, largely because of a sharp deterioration in the performance of the bank's African and Far Eastern operations.
Lord Barber, the chairman, denied speculation that the new shareholders were planning to break up the bank by floating off its more profitable operations.
Sir Yue-Kong had been given control of two seats on the board because of his larger shareholding. Lord Barber said. But all three shareholders were valuable because of their standing in their own countries, where Standard has interests. Lord Barber added that once wanted day-to-day involvement with the bank's management.
Standard's pretax profits over the six months to June 30 were hit by heavy provisions for bad debts, up from £45.6 million to £67.4 million. A large part of the increase occurred on business in Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong.
Tropical African results deteriorated largely because of conservative accounting, but British and US profits improved.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Gilts lifted by hopes of interest rate cuts

Hopes of lower interest rates next month gave gilts a much-needed boost yesterday. Gains stretched to more than half a point, enabling the Government Broker to exhaust supplies of the remaining £500 million 8 1/2 per cent Treasury 2007 tap stock.

The FT-SE 100 index closed down 4.6 points at 1,604.4 and the FT-30 share index lost 5.8 points to end the day at 1,267.6.

Earlier, the index-linked "taplet" 2013 ran out. Helping the mood was a firmer pound, which closed up 0.0105 at \$1.5030 after a gloomy set of United States gross national product figures showing a slowdown in growth to only 0.6 per cent in the second quarter.

Wall Street opened lower on the news, knocking a few pence from the leading British internationalists like Glaxo at 968p down 2 1/2p and ICI 7p lower at 997p. Jaguar was another casualty at 495p down 3 1/2p on further consideration of Monday's statement. The session began cautiously as BPCC and Philip Hill Investment Trust confirmed merger talks.

Both shares were suspended, but fears of an early liquidation of the PHIT portfolio if the deal is successful sent a small shudder through some equities.

Beecham for example, where Philip Hill holds a substantial interest, fell initially to 393p rallied to 403p only to slip back again with Wall Street to 393p a net fall of 8p.

Oils continued to reflect optimism for the future trend of crude prices, with BP 15p higher at 62 1/2p. Stores reflected another cheerful retail survey from the Confederation of British Industry and hopes of tax cuts next year.

after the latest rise in revenue receipts.

Sears at 121 1/2p and Gas "A" shares at 107 1/2p gained 3p and 10p, while jewellers continued to sparkle after the combined English-Zales deal announced on Monday.

Ratners was particularly strong at 201p up 12p.

Confirmation that merger talks had collapsed hit Mergat Charlotte at 94p and Pleasurama 31p, both about 6p down. Reckitt added 6p to 77 1/2p after the acquisition of

Shares in Blue Circle staged a recovery yesterday on news that outline planning permission had been awarded to build 5,000 houses on the site of a former quarry at Chafford Hundred, near Grays in Essex. BCI owns 60 per cent of the site and could make more than £15 million profit over the 10 years it will take to complete the development.

Durkee Famous Foods from Hanson Trust, 2p better and 180p.

10 otherwise dull brewers, Matthew Brown rebounded 30p to 495p on revived bid talk and Vaux was also supported at 400p up 20p.

Standard Chartered slipped 8p to 72p after disappointing first-half profits 2 per cent lower than last year. Other banks eased in sympathy.

In mines, De Beers plunged 67-cents to 613 cents after disappointing earnings. P&O with figures early next month slipped 5p to 50 1/2p and GEC overshadowed by the threat of increased competition from Plessey and Racal on defence contracts shed 4p to 186p.

Construction shares were supported ahead of the dividend season which begins next week with Blue Circle 10p higher at 54 1/2p. Costain at 54 1/2p and Garmac at 46 1/2p improved 9p. J Mowlem added another 6p to 39 1/2p after recent commot.

Electronics issues were stimulated by a favourable circular from the stockbrokers, de Zoete. Unitech was particularly favoured at 75p up 7p, but Racal gave up 6p to 18 1/2p after the annual meeting.

Thorn EMV attracted investment demand at 49 1/2p up 9p amid rumours of an upgraded profits forecast. Good profits and a one for five scrip issue lifted Aerospace Engineering 4p to 74p. Ayshe Metal at 30p up 5p and Sava Group at 75p up 5p were firm ahead of statements this week.

Mrs Fields was hoisted 8p to 133p after comment on the figures. Fruit and vegetable wholesalers such as Albert Fisher at 180p and Glass Glover at 205p jumped 6p each after an encouraging circular.

COMPANY NEWS

HAT GROUP: BET has extended its £95 million bid for HAT until 3pm on September 8, after receiving acceptances for 1,103,685 HAT shares (1.44 per cent) by the first closing date.

MOLYNEUX HOLDINGS: Results for the six months to June 30: no interim dividend (nil). Turnover £1,160,000 (£972,000). Pretax profit £160,000 (£98,000). Tax £48,000 (nil). Earnings per share 4p (3.6p). The 700,000 ordinary shares issued by way of rights have been excluded from the calculation.

TASK FORCE GROUP: Results for the six months to May 31 in 2000s. No interim dividend forecast. Final dividend 1.18p. Turnover 2,793 (£1,963). Tax credit 394 (£50). Tax 12 (£6). Profit attributable 169 (£84). Earnings per share 3.2p (1.6p). The board reports that figures show the company to be well on schedule to meet the full year forecast of £600,000.

ENTERPRISE INVESTMENT COMPANY: The formula for asset value per ordinary share, calculated for the purposes of determining the sale facility price at the close of business on August 5, is 42.5p per ordinary share, being 90 per cent of the formula asset value plus the proportionate share of the net premium arising from the sale of related rights on August 6, is 42.5p per ordinary share, including a net premium of 1p per ordinary share arising from the sale of related rights.

SCOTT HOLDINGS: The company announces that in accordance with a pre-determined formula contained in the agreement for the acquisition of all the shares in the company, a second tranche payment has been satisfied by the issue of 1,590 ordinary shares and 1,590 new shares in the company.

ANGLO NORDIC HOLDINGS: The company announces that its subsidiary Anglo Nordic Properties has entered into a

conditional contract for the sale of its freehold site at Cowley Mill Road, Uxbridge, Middlesex, occupied by Auto Diesels Braby, for £1.6 million cash. The sale is conditional upon the purchaser obtaining planning consent for site development.

JW WASSALL: Results for the 53 weeks to February 15 (52 weeks to January 26). Final dividend 1p (1p). Turnover £2,909,698 (£3,013,358). Pretax profit £49,533 (£88,496). Tax £7,497 (£6,568). Profit after tax £42,036 (£81,928). Earnings per share 2.53p (5.14p).

BARRIE INVESTMENTS & FINANCE: The extraordinary meeting, held on August 19, at which resolutions approving the sale of the group's property at 187, 211, St John Street, London EC1, were to be proposed, was adjourned due to unsolicited higher offers received for the property since the notice of the meeting was sent to shareholders.

THE COMPANY: The company has agreed in principle to acquire the agricultural business of Hamlyn Milling from Hanson Trust. Hamlyn earned slightly over £300,000 in pretax profit to the last financial year. It trades mainly in Scotland.

BRITISH CAR AUCTIONS: The company announced on August 19 that the cash offer of £18.75 per share made by Auto Auctions, expired on August 14. Purchase has been effected and payment made for 755,205 Sharegate shares. Another 224,276 Sharegate shares are expected to be acquired shortly, after delivery of the share certificates, which has been guaranteed.

TOTAL ERICKSON RESOURCES: The company announced Can\$2.9 million profit to the first half of 1986, which represents only four months of operations at the Mount Skukum gold mine near Whitehorse in the Yukon, which is 37 per cent owned by Total Ericksen.

AEROSPACE ENGINEERING: Results for the year to April 30 in £000s. Dividend 1.91p (1.2p), with a proposed one for five capitalization making 2.85p (2.4p). Turnover 12,983 (£2,949). Gross profit 2,940 (£2,500).

PROPERTY HOLDING & INVESTMENT TRUST: The Greycoat offer will close on August 28 unless the ordinary offer is then unconditional as to acceptance. The cash alternative is also final and will close at the same time. The current PHIT share price is 133p and Greycoat says its offers are worth more than this.

COMMENT Ambitious Maxwell lines up his cash

Underwriters permitting, Robert Maxwell is about to lay his hands on another £330 million of new equity capital at BPCC without putting up any money from his own private interests or losing nominal control.

Taking over the underperforming Philip Hill Investment Trust looks a cheaper and quicker way for the BPCC chairman to fund his expansion plans in the United States than a conventional rights issue. And it looks convenient for Lord Keith of Castleacre, the veteran City strongman who chairs Philip Hill.

The City's response to the plan to underwrite the BPCC shares offered, smoked out by The Times market report yesterday, will determine whether it suits disgruntled Philip Hill shareholders. It may not be ideal for outside holders to BPCC either, but none should be in that position unless happy to play things the Maxwell way.

A cash price of around 97 per cent of net asset value is the going rate for investment trusts. It would leave Pergamoo Press in control of BPCC with just over 50 per cent instead of 75 per cent now. The reason for Pergamoo increasing its stake last March, by injecting titles from the private Pergamoo Press into BPCC, now becomes more obvious.

BPCC's capitalization will grow by nearly half to £1.1 billion, taking it a little nearer to Mr Maxwell's dream of a £3 billion to £5 billion company by the 1990s.

The deal was not seen up yesterday, although there was no shortage of enthusiasm from the Philip Hill board. PHIT shareholders and the sub-underwriters of the takeover seemed co-ordinating about the offer trebling of

the non-Maxwell shares in BPCC. The job of doing the City rounds fell this time to Morgan Grenfell backed by Rowe & Pitman. Hill Samuel, often BPCC's banker, was ruled out because it acts for Philip Hill and Lord Keith is also a former chairman.

Philip Hill shareholders, the largest of whom are the British Coal pension fund, Eagle Star, the Prudential and the Kuwait Investment Office, were unquestionably dissatisfied with the performance of the trust, hence their support for a plan inspired by Barclays de Zoete Wedd Investment to transform it into a British equity index-linked fund.

But dissatisfaction does not automatically make them willing recipients of BPCC paper. Some, wary of Mr Maxwell's individual approach to private and public companies, will elect for cash, though BPCC's similar 1984 takeover of Bishopsgate Trust worked out well enough.

BPCC is about to buy a US publishing company and it would be no surprise if this turns out to be one of the biggest names in the business. The rest of the trust money will go into a war chest for further US expansion.

The break-up of Philip Hill will involve an intended institutional placing of its 1.7 per cent stake in Beecham — by far its largest holding and blamed for the trust's lacklustre performance. Thus the sale will mark a double departure for Lord Keith, who has also just tied up the ends at Beecham, where he was temporary chairman, by appointing a million-dollar American successor. But the enduring banker has been prematurely retired before.

A search for miracles

The most important Australian budget for many a year just about passed muster, but left that troubled economy still in search of miracles. The first, perhaps, will be achieved by Treasurer Paul Keating if he meets his Aus\$3.5 billion 1986-87 target for the budget deficit.

This, set against an outturn of Aus\$5.73 billion for 1985-86, looks more impressive than it is. The projected Aus\$3 billion of spending cuts is supplemented by a hotch-potch of tax increases and timing changes which leaves the structural deficit not greatly reduced.

The other deficit, Aus\$15 billion on current account — 6 per cent of gross domestic product — remains, as does an unacceptably high projection of 8 per cent consumer price inflation for 1986-87. Improvements in either will be slow to come through.

The budget statement talks of a firm monetary stance and the possibility of lower interest rates in the same breath. It proposes halving the next national wage increase (based on inflation in the first half) from 4 to 2 per cent. This "discounting" is much milder than the wage freeze proposed by the opposition and the Confederation of Australian Industry, but it has still to gain union acceptance.

Non-farm growth is forecast to slow from 4 to 2.5 per cent, but even this looks optimistic to most observers of the Australian economy.

The first test of the budget, after a period of severe pressure on the Australian dollar, was in the foreign exchange markets. Dealers liked the deficit figure and marked the dollar up to 64 US cents. But, on closer perusal of Mr Keating's calculations, it was shaded back.

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Canal attack

Mr John Whittaker, chairman of Highams, the textile company bidding for the Manchester Ship Canal Company, has attacked the canal company's directors for considering a joint retail development at Barton Cross near Manchester city centre with the South African-owned developer Capital and Counties. Mr Whittaker says the site should be retained and developed by Manchester Ship Canal itself. He says the South African link could bring opposition to the project.

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Primary poised for the Ebor Stoute passes £2m barrier with group one double

By Mandarini (Michael Phillips)

It takes a good three-year-old to win the Tote-Ebor at York. In the past ten years only three have done so, but the three in question, Crazy Protection Racket and Sir Montagu, all fitted the bill.

Crazy went on to finish fourth in the St Leger and second, the following season, to Petoski in the Princess of Wales's Stakes, while Protection Racket won both the Doncaster Cup and the Irish St Leger afterwards.

In France it took a horse of the class of Exceller to prevent Sir Montagu from winning the Prix Royal Oak (French St Leger) after he had run away with the Ebor for his late and great trainer, Ryan Price.

Now, in napping Primary to win Yorkshire's most famous handicap, I believe that I am selecting another good three-year-old, Guy Harwood, who incidentally trained Crazy, began by running Primary this season at the Guardian Classic trial at Sandown.

Unfortunately things went wrong on Tuesday when Greville Starkey lost control of the colt after hurting his arm coming out of the stalls. So that run is best ignored. After that Primary finished fourth behind the smart Nismas at Lingfield at the beginning of May.

Primary was not seen out again until he won a handicap at Bath very easily at the end of last month. The talk that day was that Primary would not only win there, but win the Ebor as well. Backed down to 7-2 from 6-1, he duly landed the gamble on the Somerset track which to turn triggered off the plunge from 16-1 to 4-1 in the ante-post market for today's race.

My idea of the main danger is Daarkom, another pretty decent three-year-old, who probably came up against something a bit special when he was beaten by Startino at Leicester. His conqueror is considered good enough to take her chance in Thursday's Galtres Stakes.

Harwood, and his jockey Greville Starkey, also have a good chance of winning the Great Voltigeur Stakes with Allez Milord, whose only failure so far was in the Derby in which he apparently pulled a muscle. His subsequent victory in the Gordon Stakes at



The Michael Jarvis-trained Just A Flutter, seen here beating Classic Tale at Newmarket, is fancied to extend his unbeaten record in today's Gimcrack Stakes at York

Goodwood was proof of his complete recovery.

Nevertheless, a lie through Bonhomie, who was conceding him five that day, gives both Mashkour and Nismas the slight edge. Of those two, I just prefer Nismas, who strikes me as being a sharper and casier ride.

Then, of course, there are also Authzal and Moon Maddoes to consider. Neither have encountered such stiff opposition before but both are unbeaten this season.

With Rich Charlie Mansooj, Chime Time, Just A Flutter, Morewoods and Wiganthorpe all standing their

With nearly three months of the 1986 flat racing campaign still left, Michael Stoute became the first British trainer to smash the £2m barrier of prize money earned during a season after Shardiari and Untold had given the Newmarket trainer a magnificent double by winning the Matchmaker International and the Yorkshire Oaks on the opening day of the Ebor meeting yesterday.

Walter Swinburn was on board Shardiari, but not for the first time this season the stable jockey made the wrong choice in the Oaks. As Swinburn rode Untold in the Yorkshire Oaks, Colstrip, into fourth place, the strong right eye of the Starkey-trained Untold past Park Express in the dying seconds of a thrilling race.

"It's been a marvellous season," said Stoute "but there's been a lot of hard graft and a lot of team work. As for Walter's choice, it was very difficult. After all Colstrip had won the Irish Oaks so easily, I didn't try to influence him, as I didn't know the answer myself."

Beech Hurst's 49 victories and 112 placings in Europe have earned him a reputation as the £2,047,465. Stoute has won eight of 17 group one races in the British Isles and including the win of Ivor's Image in the Italian Oaks has now collected nine in the country.

Shardiari is now 7-1 second favourite to Berlog for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe after a superbly gallant display in the day's big race.

Tryptich also battled her heart out in a desperate last-furlong struggle, but was finally beaten three-quarters of a length with Damister finishing six lengths away third.

The tactics planned by Stoute to exploit Shardiari's stamina over a distance short of his best, were well served by the jockey. Kimberley did a perfectly timed job of peacocking on Dhistan and as Swinburn swept into the lead on Shardiari halfway up the straight a fast time had already been assured.

"The strong gallop helped as a great deal," said the winning jockey, "it took the edge off some of the others, but I never realised how close Tryptich had been until I watched the video recording."

The Aga Khan is certainly also enjoying a magnificent season having established the better of Shardiari and Untold as stallions.

Table with 3 columns: Race Name, Horses, Odds. Includes 'Going good' and 'Draw: low numbers best'.

York selections By Mandarini 2.0 Royal Racket. 2.30 Mytens. 3.10 PRIMARY (nap). 3.45 Just A Flutter. 4.15 Nismas. 4.45 Carol's Treasure. 5.15 Restore.

2.0 Lady Sunday Sport. 2.30 Atoka. 3.10 Daarkom. 3.45 Mansooj. 4.15 Conquering Hero. 4.45 Born to Race. 5.15 Money's Secret.

2.0 Woodman Weaver. 3.10 Lady's Bridge. 4.15 ALLEZ MILORD (nap).

2.30 ANDY CAPP HANDICAP (£8,974; 1m 1f) (17) 231 3002 ANTO (GB) (Shahin A) M Mansooj A Stewart 3-9-7 ... M Roberts 1

3.10 TOTE-EBOR HANDICAP (£42,860; 1m 6f) (22) 301 40-294 STALEY FORM (GB) (M Mansooj) J Trevelyan 4-4-8 ... Pat Ebdery 15

3.45 GREAT VOLTIGEUR STAKES (Group II; 2-Y-O; £33,318; 6f) (11) 401 011 RICH CHARLIE (GB) (R E A Toller) C Nelson 9-5 ... J Reed 10

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2.15 Newquay. 2.45 Absolute Heaven. 3.15 Easy Line. 3.45 Pilot Jet. 4.15 Echo Valley. 4.45 Horowitz. 5.15 Sheer Luck.

2.15 Herdrada. 2.45 Nightdress. 3.15 Eucharis. 3.45 Pilot Jet. 4.15 Echo Valley. 4.45 Grimesgill. 5.15 While it Lasts.

2.45 PLEASURE BEACH SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O; £240; 5f 25y) (7) 1004 CAUSEWAY FOOT (GB) (N Threlk 8-11 ... A Murray 4

3.15 LONGSHORE HANDICAP (£2,080; 7f) (16) 501 EASY LINE P Heston 3-9-7 ... G French 12

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CRICKET: TWO LEADING TEAMS IN CHAMPIONSHIP SUFFER HEAVY DEFEATS ON THE EVE OF THEIR MEETING

Essex crash to 44 all out as the pitch takes over

COLCHESTER: Northamptonshire (24pts) beat Essex (8) by 102 runs. The scorecard almost defies credibility. Essex, requiring only 147 runs to leap-frog over Gloucestershire to the head of the Britannia Assurance County Championship table, crashed — there can be no other word — to 44 all out, the lowest score this season. They had to be content with reducing Gloucestershire's lead to 14 points. The two counties meet here today.

Essex succumbed not so much to Northamptonshire's attack, effective though it was, as to the pitch. On Monday afternoon the ball was turning sharply yesterday it was popping and coming through at varying heights in addition. The left-arm spinners, Childs and Nick Cook, bowled from one end and the medium pacers exploited a patch at the other. It was at times an unplayable pitch.

Northamptonshire were a run ahead at the start of play. They soon lost Larkins, stumped by East, as he tried to hit Childs off his length. The ball turned almost square. By lunch, Boyd-Moss, Bailey, Lane and Capel were also out. Only Lamb could be held accountable for his dismissal. He top-edged a sweep to short fine-leg, who had been moved there especially for him (notably by Fletcher, not Gooch).

Off the first ball after lunch, Westerton was caught at point, against the ball turning. Northamptonshire were then 125 for seven, 90 runs to the good. An important stand followed, of 43 between Harper and Nick Cook. In retrospect it was this wicket pair that game beyond Essex.

Essex had no shortage of time in which to score their runs although Gooch clearly felt the pitch was not going to

last much longer. He took two fours off the first over and one off the second, bowled by Cook, whereupon he was beaten by a grubber. East, adopting the same tactics, fell to a skier and Border, in his last innings for Essex — he flew to Australia last night, could barely add to the 1,379 runs he had previously scored for his adopted county this season. He was yarded by Cook, who had Hardie caught in the gully next ball.

Fletcher was also caught at gully, off a lifter from Mallett and again a wicket fell the following ball. Foster was left before pushing half forward. Pringle collected a pair, caught off a glove; Childs was run out responding to Lever's poor call; and, finally, Lever had his middle stump uprooted. The innings had lasted 20.1 overs.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 302 (A J Lamb 61, R J Bailey 63; Foster 5 for 8)

Table with 2 columns: Player, Runs. Includes: A J Lamb 61, R J Bailey 63, Foster 5 for 8, etc.

Essex strengthened their position in third place behind Essex and Gloucestershire, the leaders in the Britannia Assurance county championship, when they beat Somerset by 178 runs at Taunton yesterday. Their seventh victory, which had been made certain by mid-afternoon, had been much the doing of Sylvester Clarke, who took five wickets for 31 as Somerset collapsed in 34.3 overs in making 166.

There had been no play on Monday, and after Somerset



Easy does it: Miller en route to a maiden championship century. (Photo: Hugh Routledge).

Surrey spurred on by Clarke

By Peter Marson. Surrey strengthened their position in third place behind Essex and Gloucestershire, the leaders in the Britannia Assurance county championship, when they beat Somerset by 178 runs at Taunton yesterday. Their seventh victory, which had been made certain by mid-afternoon, had been much the doing of Sylvester Clarke, who took five wickets for 31 as Somerset collapsed in 34.3 overs in making 166.

had made 49 runs before declaring in the morning. Surrey's forfeiture of their second innings left Somerset a target of 345 runs in win in 95 overs. Yet, when Thomas bowled Rose, and Clarke brought down Felton, Richard and Roebuck for two runs in 11 balls, Somerset's innings had been grievously damaged. Botham hit a six and six fours in a spirited counter offensive, and there had been a valiant effort from Marks and Garner, too.

At Lord's, where Middlesex had set Hampshire a generous target of 224 runs to win in 54 overs, Greenidge, made by his standards a conservative 70 not out, and Tremlett 26 not out as Hampshire made 129 for three.

Mark Nicholas, Hampshire's captain was disappointed. "I'm not going to blame anyone in public, but if people wish to say that one man was trying to win the match and the other was not, they could be right." In an attempt to achieve a positive result, Hampshire had declared overnight at their total of 58 for seven, three runs not out. Miller survived the opening overs from Marshall and Connor in Hampshire's initial thrust, though Slack (49), and Butcher had both been taken by lunch, when Middlesex were 116 for two, a lead of 113 runs. Miller then made his way to his first hundred in the championship and Carr, too, enjoyed himself against some friendly bowling in which Parke's lobes and Smith's leg breaks were his

way to Gatting's declaration at 225 for three. Worestershire beat Gloucestershire at New Road, Worcester by four wickets. Worcester by four wickets. Smith made 196 to win in 53 overs. Smith made 196, and Patel 43 not out, and Hick 34, as Worcestershire moved to their fifth success. In the morning, Worcestershire did well in a declared at their score after a brief flourish on Monday. Leicestershire had 81 runs in the book as they moved off in their second innings, but they made a poor start, losing Balderson in the fifth over and Willet lower. Whitaker, Boon and Cobb, the last three to McEwan for 11 runs in 32 balls, by lunch, when Leicestershire limped in at 67 for six, a lead of 148. De Freitas and Whittaker did well in a five-strike stand before both players fell to Newport who finished off the innings by taking three wickets in eight balls.

Nicholas takes break

Mark Nicholas, the Hampshire captain, will miss his first match of the season when Worcestershire visit Bourneborough today in the Britannia Assurance County Championship. Nicholas has strained a rib muscle and Paul Terry, who was only recently restored to the first eleven after a run of poor form, will replace him. The county also have doubts over Nigel Cowley, who has aggravated a back injury, but Chris Smith, who has twice broken fingers this season, is ready to return.

FOR THE RECORD

Table with 4 columns: Sport, Event, Details. Includes: NORTH AMERICA, GOLF, SPEEDWAY, TENNIS, YACHTING, CYCLING, FOOTBALL.

Gloucestershire losing ground on final approach

By Richard Streeton

NUNEATON: Warwickshire (20 points) beat Gloucestershire (3) by 163 runs.

For the second successive match, Gloucestershire, the championship leaders, found an awkward pitch worked against their efforts to complete an arduous task in the fourth innings. Norman Gifford, the Warwickshire captain, left them to make 269 in just under five hours.

Nobody was able to stay long enough to play the long, dominant innings the situation required. Gloucestershire were dismissed for 205 shortly after tea. Frankly they were never in the hunt on a pitch which helped the seam bowlers and on which the bounce tended to be low.

The entire day's play bore an uncanny resemblance to the third day at Cheltenham in Gloucestershire's previous match against Middlesex. Once again, after rain disrupted the second day, Gloucestershire spurred any batting bonus points they might have secured and declared behind their opponents' first innings total, this time 266 ahead.

Warwickshire then collected easy runs against the occasional bowlers before they declared in their turn. Even on this small ground, the target given in a morning of 75 overs was far harder than the 357 in 90 over that Middlesex had set Gloucestershire. A gallant attempt was dutifully made, but success always looked beyond reach.

Warwickshire batted for 55 minutes as Smith and Molese scored 102 together, although they were fed easy runs, the stand was interesting as it continued a remarkable sequence for these two.

In the past six championship innings they have launched their side with stands of 161 and 155 against Somerset, 77 and 57 unbroken against Kent, and 60 and 102 unbroken in this game. Molese, who is 25, and a former Birmingham League player with Worcestershire, has scored 453 runs (average 64.71) in his first six county matches.

A calamitous start for Gloucestershire came when Tomlin was caught behind from Small's fifth ball. Remaines out-ordered Athey in a promising second-wicket stand

before he was undone by the ball's low bounce as he tried to pull against Linton. Bainbridge then pushed a low catch to gully in the next over.

There was still hope for Gloucestershire while Athey batted. He missed no good strokes with periods of uncertainty and with the score on 87 was fourth not as Small returned to the attack. The former Yorkshire batsman dabbed a catch to second slip in the fast bowler's first over. Soon afterwards Small had Stovold leg before as the batsman pushed forward.

With half of the side out for 98, there was a hint of desperation as Lloyds swung his bat freely against Gifford. For a time it worked and 47 runs were added in seven overs before Lloyds hooked out to deep mid-wicket as reflex action by Molese at forward short-leg brought Gifford Russell's wicket. Walsh hit Kerr for a huge six over long on before the off-spinner had him caught in the deep.

Curtan's strokes included three sixes against Gifford as he scored 57 in 75 minutes, but the left-arm spinner eventually had him held at silly point via ball and pad. Gifford is now on 10 wickets after becoming the 10th post-war bowler to reach 2,000 wickets in his career. The match ended when Lawrence gave Kerr a return catch.

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HORSE TRIALS

Storyteller easily passes his trial

By Jenny MacArthur

Richard Walker negotiated the difficult intermediate course at the Carter Jonas Everdon horse trials in Northamptonshire yesterday with precision ease, and won his section on Storyteller II by four points from Emma Holby with Maple Tobruk.

Walker, who came seventh at Gistow Park horse trials last weekend on Accumulator, was held up during his round for several minutes due to an accident at fence six where Storyteller's leg was caught to be put down after breaking a leg. Princess Anne, who competed in the same section on Tod, had a good round and finished in eighth place. She said afterwards that she was taking Tod to the Scottish championships this weekend.

The other intermediate section was won by Lucinda Henshaw on the novice ride well with large numbers finishing clear and within the time. In section nine, John Williams had his first win with the five-year-old Bussman's Holiday. He was surprised at the ease with which the course rode — he finished 25 seconds inside the time — and attributed it to the excellent going.

The New Zealander, Ross Renwick, winner of section three with Mrs Sue Nock's Talisman V, was pleasantly surprised at the way the six-year-old gelding has taken to eventing. He was bought in the spring at Devon Talisman, a potential working hunter, but an accident on the road which hampered his knees, halted his career in the show ring and they decided to try him at eventing.

The easy time allowed Kent New Zealand's Olympic gold medalist, Mark Todd, in fourth place in the same section with Bahua, a horse he bought a fortnight ago. Three others finished in the same score, so the order was decided by each rider's proximity to the optimum time for the cross-country. Todd, who rarely hangs back, was too far inside the time and dropped to fourth place.

On the other novice horse, Comic Venture, it was the dressage that kept him just outside the placings. He had thought that the six-year-old gelding had done a good test, but the judges thought otherwise.

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Surfing UK: taming into the right wavelength as the Foxters Masters gets underway at Newquay yesterday

Commercial success and entertainment keep the fans happy while United chase that elusive prize



Time warp: Matt Busby holds aloft the trophy the last time Manchester United won the League in 1967 while Martin Edwards (right), the club's present chairman, is hoping for a quick return to the glory days.

Atkinson walking on a knife-edge

Manchester United have not won the League title since 1967 despite spending a small fortune on an array of players and five changes of manager. In the second of a four-part series David Miller looks at their prospects for 1986/87

When Bobby Charlton played in his first FA Cup final at the age of 19 against Aston Villa in 1957 he had no idea that season he would be one of the best players in the world. At Old Trafford there were two other exceptional inside forwards, as they were then called, in Violett and Whelan. Violett could also play centre forward, as well as Hidekagami, Don Revie or Ronnie Allen or, later, Johnny Byrne, yet Matt Busby still bought Taylor from Barnsley for a then astounding £30,000. At outside left there were two brilliant dribblers, Scanlan and Pegg. It is not new for Manchester United to have more players than they are able to fit in a team.

There was resentment of United's financial power. Duocan Edwards, born within a hush rive of Wolverhampton Wanderers, signed for United, and died following the Munich air crash, aged 21, leaving several thousand pounds which he could never have saved out of a weekly maximum wage of £18. In the national mourning after the crash, Bob Lord, the chairman of Burnley, who was to football what Les Dawson was to television but without the intentional humour, bluntly stated that United should not expect the rest of the League to come to their aid in selling players. Ron Atkinson has too many players. He goes out and buys them rather in the way Jackie Kennedy, when she became Mrs Onassis, went out and bought shoes by the dozen, on a whim. Even his chairman, Martin Edwards, thinks he probably has too many. Just look at the bloodstock list of Atkinson's five years at Old Trafford, in alphabetical order: Barnes, Brazzi, Davenport, Colin Gibson, Terry Gibson, Gidman, Moses, Olsen, Robson, Sievebeck, Stapleton, Strachan. And still no League title. When United squandered a 10-point lead last season - which I predicted when Robson was first injured late in 1985 - it was widely expected that this summer Atkinson would suffer the fate of McGuinness, O'Farrell, Docherty and Sexton, all sacked for failing to regain the title which Busby last won 19 years ago. But no, Atkinson continues.

"I'm not ignoring the winning of trophies," Martin Edwards says, "but we could win the League yet still bore the pants off everyone. Of course the public want trophies, but it's not the be-all and end-all of what we try to give them. The chairman should never say, 'If we don't win the League, the manager's out.' You have to judge things at the end of the season. It does depend partly on whether the supporters are happy. You can win the Cup and come second in the League, and be unhappy. Obviously, it's been a long time to go without the League title and the longer it goes the more the pressure builds up on everyone at the club. But to keep harping on about it doesn't help the management or the players." The fact that Edwards and his wife, Susan, own 61 per cent of Manchester United share capital, and that his salary as the first chief executive chairman in English football was £85,000 in 1984, tends to make people consider that if United fall short of their primary target, it is as much the chairman's responsibility as the manager's. After all, that's how it is at ICI or British Oxygen. Edwards, however, denies that he controls or influences Atkinson's team affairs. He claims he doesn't speak to the manager any more than the majority of club chairmen. "Roo would say, 'I think that I'm not an interfering chairman,'" he says. "He sinks or swims depending on his success."

Some of the controversy surrounding Edwards lies in the fact that he receives a percentage of the club's working profit and also of transfer fee income when in profit. In business practice, this is not an uncommon occurrence, yet the morality is in question in sport though I have always been one to advocate better commercial administration of football clubs. Edwards, elected to the board at 24 under the chairmanship of his father, Louis, in 1970, became chief executive in 1982: since then Busby has left the board in controversial circumstances to become president, and old-time directors Bill Young and Alan Gibson have departed to make way for younger business or professional men. Public cynicism about United's internal affairs, and sensitivity among officials within the club, was increased by television exposure of certain malpractices in 1981. Edwards defends his relatively recent bonus incentive and makes the reasonable claim that much of United's huge commercial success arises from shrewd ground development which other clubs in, say, London, could have established more readily than they have at Old Trafford. "People overlook that in the transfer market we are net buyers, not net sellers," he says. "Any bonus on transfer profit - now one per cent - is decided by the board in my absence, not by me. It could be nothing. All I'm interested in is making the club successful. It's not a matter of luck that we're so commercially profitable."

The question on the field, therefore, is whether Atkinson has the knowledge to blend and get the best from his profession of supermarket talent. This, up to now, is doubtful, never mind that he had several injuries last season. United won the FA Cup in 1983 and 1985 without ever looking truly consistent in the League. With the departure of Hughes, and possible continuing problems with Robson's fitness, this season more than ever will test Atkinson's judgement of balance and integration. His virtues are those he showed as a positive though limited win-half with Oxford United and as manager of West Bromwich Albion: a whole-hearted enthusiasm for attack. The danger with having too many players is that you can have discontent among those out of the team," Edwards says, "but the advantage is that when you have injuries like last year, the additional players help you to get through." The slightly cruel feeling is that Atkinson will need injuries this season to help him sort out a formation. Edwards, however, is more worried about the long-term effect of an absence from European competition. "It didn't make too much difference for the spectators' point of view last season," he says, "but there's never a guarantee that you will survive for several rounds. But it does produce revenue and its loss may cause us to cut our cloth accordingly, when we are already hard-pressed to compete for players with the top foreign clubs. When Hughes still had a year of his previous contract to run, it made sense to give him a new five-year contract containing an option for him to go if he wished, so as to protect our transfer fee value." The board, interestingly, must decide what is Edwards's transfer fee bonus when the Hughes fee is fed into the 1986-87 accounts. It would be better for everyone's equilibrium were United at last to win the title again.

SPEEDWAY

England given a scare

By Keith Macklin

Although there was never any real danger that England would be relegated from group A to group B of the World Team Cup, the illness which gave a threat to Neil Everts caused a last-minute scare. The Bradford rider, who was unable to take part in the final leg on his home track and when Simon Wigg ran out of steam in his final race and Lance King swept through to put the United States into second place behind Denmark, England were in an unhappy position. Mercifully, Sweden had a nightmare time on the Odal track and they dropped down into group B. However, it was not a happy meeting for England in several ways. The total of 29 points was spread out among four riders, with no outstanding performance. Kelvin Tatum scored eight, Simon Wigg, Chris Morten and Jeremy Doncaster got one each, and Marvyn Cox was scoreless.

In these circumstances it is surprising that Eric Bocoock and Colio Pratt, the joint England managers, want to stay on in their positions for at least another season. Bocoock and Pratt must be either masochists or gluttons for punishment, or perhaps they have seen something in English speedway performances that others have failed to spot. It could be that Bocoock, always an optimist as rider and manager, has worked out that in speedway, as in most professional sports, success comes and goes in cycles. England, Sweden, the United States and now Denmark have succeeded each other in dominating the sport, and Bocoock and Pratt must be hoping that England's turn cannot be too far away.

On Saturday week England's riders have their final chance to salvage something out of a poor season by making a show in the world individual championships at Katowice.

Denmark are confidently expecting to fill the first two places with Gundersen and Nielsen, and it is hard to see anyone stopping this pair taking the top two placings for the third time in a row. The best England can hope for is a series of respectable down-field scores. Chris Morton, the Belle Vue rider, has turned to an unusual source for help in his preparation for Katowice. He has called in a martial arts expert named Master Teddy to give him a programme of diet and exercise, together with powerful mental concentration.

FOOTBALL

QPR hesitate over fee asked for Lee

Queen's Park Rangers, interested in signing Sammy Lee, the Liverpool and England midfielder, have been unable to agree a fee with the Anfield club. Lee, aged 27, has had talks at Loftus Road, but Rangers are believed to be holding back because of the estimated £225,000 valuation placed on him by last season's League and FA Cup winners.

A fortnight ago QPR also had a £200,000 offer turned down for Trevor Hebbard, of Oxford United. The player said he preferred to stay at the Manor Ground.

At Middlesbrough's fund-raising night at Agnesbank, Manchester United at Agnesbank Park on Saturday night was in the balance last night because the official receiver had not opened the ground that was closed three weeks ago when the club were wound up in the High Court. However, the Football League has accepted a rescue package and Middlesbrough hope to complete legal negotiations before their opening home game of the season, against Port Vale on Saturday.

Jimmy Quinn, Blackburn Rovers' Northern Ireland forward, has been advised to continue training in the hope of breaking down a troublesome foot injury.

Wales may have to turn down invitations to play in Turkey and the Middle East because of their programme in the European Championship. The Welsh must travel to Helsinki to meet Finland in their opening qualifying match on September 10, but then have a six-month break before playing the return fixture at Wrexham. However, Alan Evans, secretary of the Welsh FA, explained: "We have been offered a game in the Middle East next month, but it looks as though we will have to turn it down because the suggested dates are not suitable for us."

On top of that Turkey have offered to play Wales in March in an attempt to gain experience of the British style of play before tackling England and Northern Ireland in their European Championship group. Once again, however, the date is incompatible with the Welsh schedule.

Dave Watson, the Norwich City captain, is to have a meeting with the club chairman, Robert Chase, following the rejection of an estimated £700,000 bid from Everton. Watson signed a new three-year contract with Norwich a month ago, but was told the club would consider a reasonable offer if any of the country's big clubs moved in for him.

Cardiff City will start their fourth division campaign on Saturday without Alan Curtis and Chris Marustik, both Welsh internationals. Curtis, capped 34 times by Wales, sustained a depressed fracture of the checkbone in a pre-season match and is out for at least two weeks, while Marustik has damaged ankle ligaments and will be in plaster for around ten days.

YACHTING

Howlett's agony and ecstasy

By Barry Pickett

David Howlett, principal helmsman aboard Robert Bottomley's Decool Car Care, bobbed ashore at Torquay early yesterday, the delight of winning the 335-mile second heat in the Three Quarter Ton Cup World Championship, hiding the pain he had endured for 63 hours after twisting his knee badly at the start of this race on Saturday.

The Rob Humphreys-designed Decool, which is forced to avoid protest under rule 26 having overtaken the boat which was placed second at the start of the race, was back to back from a mid-Channel mark south of Poole. It was 10th of the previous buoy off Start Point but recovered to finish in Torbay at 3.36 am, five minutes ahead of Graham Walker's Indulgence.

The second-placed British skipper, winner of the first inshore race on Friday, now leads the series overall with 76.25 points. A 0.75 ahead of Decool, with a leading Danish entry, Frontrunner, third on 73.

However, this situation could change today if the international jury allow a request from Robert Bottomley to re-open the protest against Frontrunner, which sailed to answer a recall after being judged over the line at the start of the first race.

Originally, the jury was not satisfied with the evidence given by the sponsor on the committee boat, and gave the Danish crew the benefit of doubt. But photographs now available may prove the yacht was clear of the line when the gun fired.

If this is the case, and the jury overturn their original decision, Decool's position in that race would be pushed up to third and give the British boat an overall lead in the championship. Tony Canning's Lion lost a place on the final leg to finish fourth, and now holds fifth place over one ahead of Rodney Arnold's Showdown, which overtook six boats on this final off-wind leg by setting a blast reacher and sailing above the rhumb line instead of attempting to fly a spinaker.

Others fell badly, the most spectacular tumble being the Swedish crew on Zorro, who failed to note an amendment in their sailing instructions, and went for the wrong finish line off Torquay Pier, and lost 10 places sailing back out to Torbay to finish correctly.

David Howlett was still in considerable pain last night and it was doubtful whether he would be able to steer Decool in today's second inshore race. The skipper, Robert Bottomley, was also faced with finding a second substitute for Mattie Sheahan, who suffered a recurrence of black-out during this last offshore race. Last night, he put in a request for two substitute crewmen — David Robinson, a sailmaker, who steered the boat during the British trials, and Peter Weedon, who will be brought in as a replacement for Sheahan.

BASKETBALL

Cash boost in the basket

British basketball has received an £870,000 grant from the Sports Council, the largest ever given to the sport. The money will be spread over the next three years and is aimed at promoting and developing the game in Britain. The sport's governing body, the English Basketball Association, will receive more than £500,000, with some of the aid being given to the English Schools' Basketball Association and the English Mini-Basketball Association.

The money will be used to help appoint development officers throughout the country and to encourage the game's growth at grass roots. The British and Irish basketball federations will receive £136,000 and the cash will go towards helping their men's and women's squads for the next Olympic Games in Seoul in 1988.

Gloucester Rugby Club have been deluged with players hoping for a place in the squad for the new season. More than 70 have joined the battle for the coveted places in the two teams and as many as 55 are turning up for training sessions. The assistant coach John Fidler said: "It must be a record - it's certainly remarkable. I've never known so many players involved in the pre-season trials."

CRICKET

COMMERCIAL COUNTRIES LEAGUE

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE (winner) 11.0, 10 overs minimum. **CHESTERFIELD:** Derbyshire v Leics. **GLoucester:** Essex v Gloucestershire. **Hampshire v Dorset.** **Northants:** Kent v Surrey. **Warwickshire:** Lancashire v Glamorgan. **Worcestershire:** Northants v Nottinghamshire. **Yorkshire:** Warwickshire v Yorkshire. **Headingley:** Yorkshire v Middlesex.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLING: Gwynedd C.A. (at Crystal Palace NSC). **NETBALL:** Northern champions (at Bowdon); Edinburgh tournament; SouthWest tournament.

FOOTBALL

KICK-OFF 7.30 unless stated. **SKOL CUP:** Second round: Aberdeen v Ayr; Celtic v Forth (2.30); Celtic v Dundee (2.30); Celtic v Dundee (2.30); Celtic v Dundee (2.30). **YACHTING:** Three-Quarter Ton Cup (at Weymouth).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

COMMERCIAL COUNTRIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Gwynedd v Crystal Palace NSC. **NETBALL:** Northern champions (at Bowdon); Edinburgh tournament; SouthWest tournament.

RUGBY LEAGUE

£20,000 of cheer is offered to winners

By Keith Macklin

The richest prize in Rugby League history of £20,000 will be awarded to next season's winners of the new-style championships and premier-ship, sponsored by Stones Bitter.

For the first time next season there will be a second division play-off on the basis of the final first division play-off. The top club teams in the second division will take part, and next May spectators will enjoy a feast of rugby, with both play-off finals played consecutively at the same venue on the same day.

The brewery will pump £400,000 into the League's coffers during the next three years of sponsorship, starting with £120,000 in the first year. The first champions will bank £20,000 and the runners-up £8,000. The first division play-off winners will receive £9,000 and the runners-up £3,500. The first and second places in the second division will pick up £10,000 and £4,000 and the premier-ship top two £4,000 and £1,500. A further £60,000 will be placed in a trust for the first year's second-division winners and safety funds.

David Wigham, the incoming chairman of the League said in Ramscott that the sponsorship represented the progressive policy of rewarding skills and enterprise among the clubs. The greater spread of sponsorship prizes would provide greater incentives for successful clubs in both divisions, and would lead to higher standards of play, while the clubs would receive rewards commensurate with their status.

Corals, the bookmakers, have made Wigan favourites to win the first division championship, with York the favourites in the second division.

Chase by St Helens

St Helens, who have been disappointed recently in several efforts to sign Australian stars, have not lost heart. They are now looking to sign a star in Brett Clark, the half back who plays for Western Suburbs, the Sydney team.

Although Clark, aged 21, is a screen half, and recently displaced Deryck Fox, the Great Britain half back in the Western Suburbs side, St Helens would expect Clark to fill the role of a traditional half back. St Helens are also negotiating for a front row forward from Sydney. He is Pat Jarvis from St George.

Papas New Guinea caused a major shock in international rugby league by scoring their first international victory in major competition, beating New Zealand 24-22 in the World Cup series.

TENNIS

Gomer on her own for Britain

Mahwah (Reuter) - Only Sara Gomer lifted the gloom that hangs over the British women's players in the run-up to the US Open at Flushing Meadow next week as Anne Hobbs and Annabel Croft beaten in their opening matches. Gomer, 34, is a 1984 Wimbledon champion and has a £50,000 (£100,000) New Jersey sponsorship.

Miss Gomer kept her nerve well to win the final three points of the deciding tie-break to beat Camille Benjamin of the United States 6-3, 3-6, 7-6, but Isabelle Demongeot gained a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Miss Hobbs and Katrina Malecova of Bulgaria, the eleventh seed, defeated Miss Croft 6-3, 6-3 with her usual steady play from the baseline.

In contrast to Britain's declining fortunes, Miss Demongeot was one of five French players to go through. France were led by Catherine Tanvier, ranked 68th in the world, who upset Betty Nageshen of the United States, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4. Tanvier, 6-4, 6-3 with three unforced errors for a service break in the ninth game of the third set and finished with a 34-24 places ahead of her with a backhand pass.

Passale Paradis lost her first five games but then the French girl rallied to eliminate Andrea Holikova of Czechoslovakia, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2, while the other French players, Nathalie Herremann and Nathalie Tauziat, won in straight sets. Herremann won her first 11 games for a 6-4, 6-0 triumph over Janine Thompson, of Australia, and Tauziat took the last four games of each set in a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Leigh Thompson, the American champion.

RESULTS: First round: A. Myer (Aust) 6-1, 6-0; N. Pietrangeli (It) 6-1, 6-0; J. Demongeot (Fr) 6-2, 6-2; B. Nageshen (US) 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; G. Tanvier (Fr) 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; C. Tanvier (Fr) 6-3, 3-6, 7-6; K. Malecova (Bulg) 6-1, 6-4, 6-3; I. Demongeot (Fr) 6-2, 6-2; A. Croft (GB) 6-3, 6-3; C. Benjamin (US) 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; L. Thompson (Aus) 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; N. Herremann (Fr) 6-3, 6-3; N. Tauziat (Fr) 6-2, 6-2; L. Thompson (Am) 6-2, 6-2.

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SPORT

Souness pays for his indiscretion as SFA get tough

By Hugh Taylor

The turbulent match between Hibernian and Rangers on the opening day of the season has resulted in both clubs being fined and the Rangers' player/manager, Graeme Souness, being suspended for a further three matches.

The incidents in the game which led to Souness being ordered off and eight other players cautioned, were described yesterday as "the most serious witnessed in Scottish football in recent years" and the fines and suspensions indicate that the Scottish Football Association will in future deal out even more severe punishment if violent play is not curbed.

Rangers were fined £5,000, Hibernian, £1,000, and Souness given a further three-match suspension in addition to the automatic ban which caused him to miss the game against Falkirk. These were the decisions of the SFA disciplinary and referee committee who met to investigate the stormy game at Easter Road.

While some may feel that the fines and suspensions amount to little more than slaps on the wrist, Hibernian believe they have been hard done by, saying they were the innocent party in the incidents. Their manager, John Blackley, indicated last night that he will appeal against the findings of the committee.

Rangers, who have accepted "full responsibility for their part in the misbehaviour and have apologised unreservedly to the SFA," may be only too glad to have a disgraceful episode in their history forgotten. Campbell Ogilvie, their secretary, said: "The disciplinary measures imposed by

the Scottish Football Association have been accepted by Rangers Football Club. The club has no intention of appealing against the decisions of a governing body."

The indignation of the SFA at the unruly behaviour of the players at Easter Road was made plain in a statement read after the meeting by the president, David Will, of Brechin City, who is a solicitor.

He said: "Having spent most of the close season



Souness: three match ban stressing that every effort was to be made to stamp out violent conduct and serious indiscipline on the field, the Association was appalled to learn that the first day of the new season had been marred by one of the most serious incidents witnessed in Scottish football in recent years. It is a relief that we are able to record that actions by players which would have led to a riot had they occurred on the terracing did not spark off catastrophic crowd trouble. "The Association wish to make it clear that the behaviour

of the type witnessed will not be tolerated in the Scottish game." After fining Rangers, the committee pointed out that "this was the third major incident in which players of that club had been involved in the past two seasons."

A year ago Rangers were fined £2,000 after a deplorable match with Aberdeen and a few weeks before that, some of their players and a few of those of Heart of Midlothian were given extra suspensions after a violent game.

Souness, whose introduction to Scottish League football has been disastrous, his expensively built team having failed to impress, is understood to have been severely criticized in the report of the referee supervisor at Easter Road for the incident which left George McCuskey of Hibernian requiring nine stitches in a knee wound. That tackle led to the dismissal of Souness but not before there was a mêlée involving 21 players in the centre circle.

The committee has also decided that two penalty points will be added to the current records of all players involved in that incident — "that is to say, all players then on the field, with the sole exception of player number one of Hibernian." He is Alan Rough, the Scottish international goalkeeper, who had the good sense to remain on his goal-line, looking aghast at the fighting. Souness, then, now finds himself on nine penalty points and one more booking will cost him another match suspension. One of the three matches the player/manager will miss is the Glasgow derby match with Celtic at the end of the month.



Putting their backs into it: Mitchell (US, foreground) and Shibaeva (USSR) in their women's 100 metres backstroke heat.

ROWING

Bird and Johnston lift day of gloom for British crews

By Jim Raiton

Britain's first two crews in the repêchages, the men's lightweight eight and the women's coxed four, were eliminated from the competition at the world rowing championships in Nottingham yesterday. But the gloom lifted for the British when Pauline Bird and Fiona Johnston finished second in their repêchage, behind the dominant East Germans, to qualify for Saturday's final.

The championships are now at a crucial stage, when competitors progress to semi-final rounds or directly to finals. Failure to do so simply means the end of the road, for another year at least.

Britain's state of affairs before yesterday's events was already a healthy one. Four crews had made the weekend's finals — the women's eight, the lightweight women's double sculls and coxed four and the men's coxed pairs. Yesterday Bird and Johnston made it five so far, and today should provide more.

The first major casualty yesterday was Ruggiero Verroca, Italy's world champion in the lightweight single sculls. He finished fourth in

his race with only three to qualify. It came as no great surprise, however, as he has been in and out of hospital here, receiving treatment for an abscess, and was as weak as a kitten.

Britain's taste of gloom came with the elimination of the men's lightweight eight. They did not have the best lane, but were last all the way and a length or more short of a final place. The women's heavyweight coxed four in the last in their repêchages.

In today's repêchages the action once again will be fierce with sudden death threatening all. Four British crews have their heads on the block and the axe is neatly poised in each case. The heats of the men's heavyweight eights on Monday provided some spectacular racing worthy of a final in a normal year and they were charged with atmosphere and surprises. In the heats, Italy surprised by taking first place with Britain fourth, almost three lengths behind.

Today, the men's eights repêchages will be both competitive. With two crews able to qualify for Sunday's final, Britain are drawn against

France, the United States, Australia, and Czechoslovakia. It just might be a flat-out race, but the chances are they will have to read every game plan and ploy down the course. The other repêchage contains New Zealand, Canada, The Netherlands, East and West Germany. Neither race has the suggestion of an easy touch.

Beryl Crockett also has a tough day ahead. She must finish in the first two to qualify in the lightweight single sculls, but is up against Adair Ferguson, Australia's world and Commonwealth Games champion, and Rita de Fauwe, of Belgium, who beat her in Lucerne.

Britain's youngsters in the coxed fours and quadruple sculls are certainly up against it, but the experience here will prove a good investment. Because of the possibility of adverse weather conditions today and with an eye on the wind direction, racing will start at 7.30am. There were complaints from coaches that the wind yesterday affected the inside lanes and among those who complained were the British lightweight men's eight. Results, page 30

Scotland dismay at Kiwis' leniency

By Paul Martin

Scotland are now reserving their position on whether to take part in next year's World Rugby Cup, in response to the reinstatement in the New Zealand team of 10 "rebel" players who toured South Africa this year. This follows expressions of equal dismay from Ireland, where Harry McKibbin, the representative on the International Rugby Board, predicted in Belfast that a decision on whether to withdraw from the event would now be a "close run thing".

Both countries are unenthusiastic anyway over the concept of a World Cup, but have gone along with the overall consensus. "We are reserving our position as any union is entitled to do," said Bill Connors, vice-president of the Scottish Rugby Football Union. "We agreed to take part, but we are at liberty to change our minds when something untoward happens."

Mr Connors said that Scotland will press for an explanation at the IRB's special session in London this October where the "rebel" tour issue will be "thrashed out." Mr McKibbin said the New Zealanders, to forestall pressure on World Cup participation, would "have to come up with a jolly good reason" for their actions since the South Africa tour blew up.

He described the selection of so many "rebels" as "amazing" and believed opinion would now "harden." He said that he had begun to wonder what control the New Zealand board had over their players "and what games they are playing at."

The New Zealand selectors were criticised for taking a "hasty" view of the matter to "beat Australia" by John Kendall-Carpenter of England, chairman of the World Cup Company. He stressed the need, though, for participating nations to hold back on decisions while New Zealand made further investigations into the players' amateur status.

The view is growing in Britain that the New Zealanders' apparent leniency towards those players who defied them can in part be explained by the lack of action against British players who were allegedly paid substantial sums to join a brand of football. "We are a bit expensed," Mr Kendall-Carpenter pointed out because the British rugby authorities could not act on the boots affair.

Nevertheless, South Africa, not New Zealand, remains the principal villain in world rugby administrators' eyes. The IRB meeting in October will almost certainly now approve measures to expel or suspend a member nation. South Africa could not, however, be disciplined at this meeting. As matters now stand the committee will only deal with it at the next annual general meeting in March 1987, unless yet another special session is summoned — and that Mr Connors considers most unlikely.

Australian forwards criticized

Timaru, New Zealand (Reuters) — The Australians scored six tries to try to beat South Canterbury 31-11 yesterday, but were far from impressive against the lowly-ranked provincial side.

The match was marred by handling errors, offside and missed scoring opportunities and the Australians' tries came from pressure rather than imagination. Their forward technique was faulty — badly-tapped lineout ball, poor rucking and frequent scrum infringements — causing Greg Hand, the South Canterbury captain, who scored one of their tries, to rate the visitors' forward effort as inferior to that of Otago and Canterbury, their provincial neighbours. "And they are nowhere near as hard," Hand said.

Alan Jones, the Australian coach, conceded some failings in his second-string team's performance, but applauded their discipline in difficult conditions. "It was a very astute game," he admitted.

Australia's next match, the 10th of their tour, is against New Zealand in the second international at Carisbrook, Dunedin, on Saturday. Australia won the first match 13-12.

TEAMS: Australia: A Leads, I Williams, M Burke, C Morris, R Cook, S James, G Hastings, G Burgess, G Calcutt, R Reynolds (capt), R McCull, J Gardner, G Burrow, M McCash, M Murray. South Canterbury: M Galloway, G Burgess, E Marshall, S Todd, P Ryan, G Fairbrother, P Mowley, J Simpson, M Smith, G Stanley, T Shaw, G Proudfoot, R Patterson, G Hand (capt), R Morgan.

CYCLING

Pierce is the revelation

From John Wilcockson, Colorado

With five days remaining in the Coors International Classic, there are French leaders in both sections of the race.

Bernard Hinault has an advantage of 1min 16sec over Jeff Pierce, of the United States, with Phil Anderson, of Australia, in third place in the men's section. And Jannie Longo, the 1985 world champion, is almost two minutes ahead on Inga Thompson, the American who came third last month in the women's Tour de France.

There was no racing yesterday when the two race courages moved down from the high Rocky Mountains to the foothills. This change in elevation from 10,000 to 5,000 feet should be to the advantage of the European-based riders, who already occupy

seven of the top 10 positions in the men's race.

The revelation of the past week has been Pierce, who is regarded as one of the best American performers at high altitude. His solo attack on Monday's Vail to Copper Mountain stage allowed him to finish with Hinault and Anderson in the front group, 1min 44sec ahead of the top two American cyclists, Greg LeMond and Andrew Hampsten, who both missed the key move 24 miles from the finish.

Other victims of the eleventh stage, which crossed the 11,316-ft high Fremont Pass, were Moreno Argentin, of Italy, and Bruno Cornillet, of France, who finished four minutes behind the day's winner, Maarten Ducrot, of The Netherlands.

Ducrot attacked on the descent of the Fremont Pass, 11 miles from the finish to arrive 13 seconds ahead of the Hinault-Anderson-Pierce group.

Many of the Europeans, like Ducrot, lost time during the early stages of the Coors Classic and have now fully acclimatized. But Argentin, who last year won the bronze medal in the world championship road race in Italy, said after his defeat on Monday: "I found it hard racing in the thin air and I was unable to follow LeMond. I will now concentrate on preparing for the world championships." The professional road race in the world championships takes place on September 7 at Colorado Springs, at 7,000 feet above sea level.

In the women's section, Longo and Thompson are both in contention for victory, and they will also be the main contenders for the road race at the world championships. Other challengers are coming into form, including Madonna Harris, a Utah-based New Zealander who won Monday's stage.

LATEST POSITIONS: Men: 1, B Hinault (F), 2hr 26min 55sec; 2, J Pierce (US) at 1min 16sec; 3, P Anderson (Aus) at 2:37; 4, G LeMond (US) at 2:47; 5, A Hampsten (US) at 3:42; 6, D Shapiro (US) at 4:42sec; 7, J Kuan (Her) at 4:48; 8, M Argentin (It) at 5:22; 9, B Cornillet (F) at 5:31; 10, V Piva (It) at 6:26. Women: 1, J Longo (Fr), 2hr 28min 46sec; 2, Thompson (US) at 1min 55sec; 3, M Carrara (It) at 2:48; 4, S Eilers (US) at 3:07; 5, M Harris (NZ) at 4:15; 6, J Magrini (US) at 5:02; 7, M Bertrand (Swi) at 5:27; 8, L Schenk (US) at 7:28; 9, C Greenwood (GB) at 8:30; 10, U Erzenhauer (WGer) at 8:41.

Clark triumph over Hoste and his wrist

Although nursing an injured wrist, Danny Clark (Ever-Ready) maintained Australia's hold on the Glasgow end of the Kellogg's city criterium series by snatching victory right on the line on Monday.

He just squeezed out Frank Hoste of Belgium with whom, three laps earlier, he had bridged a 10-second gap established by John Herety (Percy Bilton-Condor Cycles) and Chris Wborton (Allison Bread). Steve Joughin, the Moducel sprinter, crossed the gap too but pulled his foot out of a pedal while preparing for the final dash to the line.

Herety, aghast at the sudden arrival of the speedy Clark and Hoste, had to be content with third place but it gave him the overall yellow jersey with 22pts ahead of Joey McLoughlin (ANC) and Clark both with 20pts.

Clark's brilliant timing was a triumph for a man sidelined for a week after crashing in a motor-paced race in Zurich. It was the fourth successive year an Australian had won at Glasgow.

BOWLS

Clevedon masters ditched

By Gordon Allan

Ted Hanger and Ron Nicholls, of Chandos Park, Buckingham, beat David Bryant and David Rhys Jones 20-19 in the third round of the Gateway English Bowling Association pairs championship at Worthing yesterday. This is a title Bryant and Rhys Jones have won three times since they first played together 21 years ago.

It sounds a close match and it was close. Yet after 10 ends there was nothing close about it as far as those unreliable things, the statistics, went. Hanger and Nicholls led 16-1 and were bowling well enough to be worth every shot of that lead. The Clevedon masters, no matter what they did, seemed unable to stop them.

The situation had not significantly changed by the 16-end mark. Hanger and Nicholls led 20-6 and time was now on their side. But on the seventeenth end Bryant and Rhys Jones scored five, when Bryant removed Hanger's sec-

ond bowl. Two shots to Clevedon on the eighteenth would have been five if Hanger had not drawn a saving third bowl — and in retrospect that three-shot difference could be seen as crucial.

Four shots on the nineteenth and twentieth left Bryant and Rhys Jones needing four to win on the last end. Bryant put the jack in the ditch, giving them the chance of three shots and a possible extra end, but a measure ruled out the third. A fitting finish to a fine match.

The other Somerset pair, Brian Archer and Ernie Price, of Taunton Deane, lost 17-16 on an extra end to Neil Stephens and Steven Rowe, of Stenalees. The Cornishmen drew level 16-16 on the 21st, after hanging on to the opposition's coat-tails for the whole match.

John Gale, who interrupted a holiday in Miami to play at

Worthing, can now return to the beach. He and his brother Jeff left from Vauxhall Park, lost 25-16 to John Morley and Arthur Wright, of the Albert Club in North London.

Cliff Simpson and Dave Kilner, of Owtan Lodge, Durham, maintained their impressive form with a 20-10 win over the Nottinghamshire pair Alan Euerby and Brian Clark, of Bestwood Miners Welfare. Gary Denison and Phil Hackett, of Newton Abbott, secured their place in the quarter-finals when they beat Clive Tancock and Mike Jeffery, of Aitberley, Southampton, 23-15.

Brian Taylor and Gary Blake, of County Arts, Norwich, were consistency personified in their 20-6 victory over Ian Maddox and Marcus Smith, of Ledbury, Herefordshire. Their total comprised three threes and 11 singles. Results, page 29

Worthing will be focus of world in 1992

Norman Thomson, president of the English Bowling Association (EBA), announced yesterday that Worthing has been confirmed by the International Bowling Board as the venue of the 1992 world championships (Gordon Allan writes). They will probably be held in June and at least 30 countries are expected to take part.

The cost to the EBA of organizing the championships is estimated at £500,000. To raise £125,000 of this, they will be asking every bowler in England for a contribution of £1. A limited liability company with a board of directors comprising businessmen and bowls administrators has been formed to co-ordinate planning of the event.

The BBC have been given first refusal on television coverage. Sponsorship — that other essential ingredient of modern sport — will be sought in due course.

Worthing staged the world championships in 1972. The next championships are being held at Auckland, New Zealand in 1988.

Hagler yes to Leonard

Marvin Hagler, the undisputed world middleweight boxing champion, has agreed to meet Sugar Ray Leonard, but not until March of next year. Leonard, the 30-year-old former welterweight and junior middleweight world champion, has been pushing Hagler to agree to the big-money fight for the past three and a half months.

Although Leonard retired in 1982 because of a detached retina, a bout between the two is certain to arouse a great deal of interest and could have a total purse of as much as \$15 million (around £10 million). Leonard, the former Olympic champion, made a brief return to the ring in May of 1984 with a lacklustre victory over American Kevin Howard and immediately retired again.

Little's job

Brian Little, the former Aston Villa and England footballer, has taken over as manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers after the dismissal of Sammy Chapman.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Becker tops

Boris Becker will be the top seed at next month's West German Open following the withdrawal of Mats Wilander, of Sweden, the world No. 2. It will be his first grand prix tournament on home soil since winning his first Wimbledon title last year. Ranked third in the world, Becker, who is based in Monte Carlo, has often said he feels under intense pressure in West Germany. Wilander, for his part, is planning a two-month break from the game after the US Open which starts next week.

Aiming high

Severiano Ballesteros, Greg Norman and Bernhard Langer, the world's top three golfers, will all play in the £210,000 Panasonic European Open at Sunningdale from September 11-14. The three will be playing for a £35,000 top prize.

Tough test

Twelve regional finalists will be able to test their skills against four of the country's best bowlers — Ron Keating, David Cutler, Jerry Bates and Daniel Dennison — when the last stages of the Croxley Script/EBA Champion of Champions bowls tournament are contested at Hemel Hempstead between August 30-31. The 12 have qualified from among 1600 club and county champions.

Jack's back

Sir Jack Brabham, three times the former grand prix world motor racing champion, guards the list of celebrities for the Birmingham Renault podium event on bank holiday Monday — first-ever saloon car race at the new city centre track.

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